

WHAT IS IT YOU PLAN TO DO...?

Questions to invoke curiosity

K-? Grade

Questions for Students:

1. Look closely at the artworks in this exhibition.
2. Choose one that interests you.
3. What questions pop into your head when you look at it? - If you look more closely at the picture can you answer any of those questions?
4. How does it make you feel?
5. Close your eyes... Can you see the picture in your mind's-eye?
6. What do you love to do or think about? When you go back to your classroom/home, could you make a picture about it? Show someone your artwork and encourage them to look closely. Ask them if any questions pop into their head when they look at it and how it makes them feel. See if they would like to make a picture of something they love.

Teacher/Parent Guide:

1. Encourage the students/kids to take time to look at the works of art closely.
2. Ask them to choose one that interests them.
3. Encourage them to be curious about the art. Possible prompts "Are you curious about how it was made or what the picture is about?" "Do you wonder who made it?"- Encourage them to look at the work carefully, and to pretend they are art detectives. If they wanted to know how the picture was made, encourage them to see if they recognize any materials, maybe paper, paint or pencils? What is it about? Ask them "Is the work realistic?" (does it look like something you know about) "Is it imaginary?" (it doesn't exist in our world) "Is it abstract?" (artwork that is made up of colors and shapes but isn't a recognizable thing)
4. If they close their eyes, can they see the picture in their mind's-eye?
5. Encourage them to think about how the artwork makes them feel. Does it make them laugh, feel sad or curious?
6. Have your kids make a piece of art about something they really love, have them think about the following: Art can be about a real or made up thing, an action or even a feeling; art can be realistic or abstract; art is never wrong; the art you make is just like you... unique!