

Conversation Starters for the Art Museum

Uncover the three stories in your most and least favorite works of art.

The Story the Art Tells

What do you see?

What colors are used?

What mood does the piece evoke? (Does it look happy or sad?)

Are there people or animals depicted? If so, what are they doing?

Can you guess or imagine something about who or what is represented?

If the piece is sculptural, what is it made of?

Does the piece of art look different from different angles?

The Story of the Artist

Who is the artist? Where is he or she from?

What other type of art did he or she make?

Why do you think the artist made this?

Was this difficult or easy to create?

How long do you think it took the artist to make this?

Did he or she work fast or slow?

How does this piece compare to other pieces of art in the room?

How did the artist feel when he or she made this?

(Look for information about the artist to guide this conversation more.)

The Story of Your Reaction

What was the first thing you noticed about this piece of art?

Do you like this piece? What makes you like or dislike it?

Would you like to have this piece of art in your own home?

Does this piece of art remind you of anything?

How does this piece make you feel?