



**We all know how to LOOK at a work of art.
But how do we learn to truly SEE it?
Think of ART as a wrapped present:
We can use all of our senses to UNWRAP it!**

STEP 1: LOOK

- Spend at least 30 seconds just silently looking (shhhhhh.....)
- Start big: see everything including colors, shapes, lines, people, places and things.
- Move on to smaller details like where there is light/dark, textures, things you didn't see at first.

STEP 2: SHARE

- List everything you see (NOT what you think is going on or what the art "means"-- just the facts!)
- *There are no wrong answers!* If you see it, say it!

STEP 3: THOUGHTS and QUESTIONS

- Share your thoughts and ask/answer questions based off of what you have seen:
 - What is this art made of? (material, technique, time period/art movement)
 - What do you think it is about?
 - What are the main features/characters?
 - Can you imagine how anything might smell, feel or taste?
 - What would you hear if you were in this artwork?
 - What is the mood or feeling you get from the work?
 - Does it represent a certain place/person/thing?
 - Can you tell a location/time of day/season/time period?
 - What do these details answer about what is happening?
 - What questions do you still have?

STEP 4: RESEARCH and LEARN

- Read the didactic panel on the wall
- Look up information about the artist online
- Research the time period and other artworks from the time period this particular artwork was made.
- SHARE what else you have learned about this art and artist!