Art A Day CHALLENGE: Break-it-Down

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

We challenge you to an art activity each day of the School Closure! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us in the comments and on Instagram @WCMFA and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE

Stuff you’ll need: remember, materials are up to you! Paper, Watercolor, brushes, and a black pen (ink). Or any materials you have at home: soft pastels, canvas, camera (cell phone or other), pencils, erasers, scrap paper, glue, paint, crayons, markers, and anything else you want to use! All mediums welcome. Whatever you have!

Words you need to know:

Modernist: a style or movement in the arts that aims to break with classical and traditional forms.

Inspiration: the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative.

LOOK: Let’s look at Dorothy Dehner’s work called Three Musicians. Can you see how this painting represents the title? Dehner broke down the main forms into lines, colors, shapes and forms. She used ink and watercolor to create this painting. Like many artists, Dehner was inspired by other artists. One artist that she was inspired by was Pablo Picasso who did a painting with the same title, Three Musicians, (this can be seen to the right). She was inspired by many modernist artists.

MAKE: Find artwork that you connect with in some way. You may select any of the work below from the Washington County Museum of Fine Art, or, you may research whatever art that inspires you! Share the title of the artwork, and a picture of the art you selected. Now, break the work down into lines, shapes, and colors! Try to imagine the objects/people in the painting as only lines, shapes, colors, forms, and spaces. Does it still resemble its title? How as it changed?

WCMFA Collection examples below.

Extension: Write a journal entry to express why you selected the work to inspire your art.

SHARE: POST your creation in the comments on FACEBOOK and Tag @WCMFA on Instagram and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE
Anna Hyatt Huntington
American, 1876-1973
Diana of the Chase, 1922

Follower of Melchior d’Hondecoeter
Dutch, 1636-1695
Peacock, Chickens, and Pigeons in a Landscape
18th Century
Oil on canvas
Edward J. Steichen
American, 1879-1973
Yellow Moon, 1909
Oil on Canvas

Antoine-Louis Barye
French, 1796-1875
Panther Seizing a Stag
Bronze