The Prodigal Son, 1899
Bronze

Art A Day  CHALLENGE:
Strike a Pose

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We challenge you to an art activity each day during school closures! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us.

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Stuff you’ll need: Yourself, a camera, and your imagination

Words you need to know:

Sculpture: the art of carving, modeling, welding, or otherwise producing figurative or abstract works of art in three dimensions, as in relief, intaglio, or in the round (Dictionary.com).

LOOK at this sculpture by Auguste Rodin. Notice his body language. What do you think he is feeling? What types of emotions would make a person throw their hands in the air and fall on their knees?

THINK about how you stand, sit, or lay down when you are nervous, excited, sad, happy, tired, regretful, embarrassed, or bored. Is there a time you might cover and hide your face or reach your hands out to cheer, or jump up and down? Think about your body language and how you can express an emotion or an overwhelming feeling.

IMAGINE you are a model for a Rodin sculpture. Pick one emotion, feeling, or if you are feeling shy, pose a doll or action figure to express this reaction to a feeling. If you would like to get a little practice with your figure drawing, sketch your picture (or just look at your action figure and draw what you see).

Writing Prompt Extension: Find a song that matches the emotion you expressed through body language. Share the title of the song and connect the lyrics or give reasons why this song matches your expression.

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