Art A Day CHALLENGE: Reading Art

What’s Your Story?

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

FA1: Analyze structure and context of various artistic works.

Analyzing the structures and contexts of various artistic works provides insight into the creator’s intent, and informs performance or interpretation.

How can the viewer "read" a work of art as text?

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: Read through the challenge to decide...the materials you use are up to you!

Words to know:

Narrative art is art that tells a story.

LOOK at the art work in the Middle School Art section from the 1st ever, Virtual Washington County Public Schools Art Exhibition hosted by the Washington County Museum of Fine Art, 2020.

THINK about the expression on the faces of people/animals/characters in the artwork. Think about the mood of the setting. What context clues did the artist give you to allow you to interpret this mood?

For example: Notice the thoughtful expression on the woman’s face in Jaiden Pasquarello’s art work shown above. The artist has also included thought bubble that says, “I wonder”. This art work, reminiscent of Roy Lichtenstein’s signature comic book style, leads the viewer to question what the character is thinking about.

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CREATE artwork that tells a story; create narrative art! Tell a story, event, create a character, or create a setting for a story using visual art making techniques. How will you use art making techniques, elements of art, and design to give the viewer visual clues so they will be able to “read” your artwork?

Writing Journal Prompt: What is the narrative you are presenting visually? By describing your visual clues, write the story your artwork is telling the viewers.

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