

When You Look At Art, Look For Stories

Start with the Obvious

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2. What do you think is going on in the piece of art?
3. Begin to ask questions...who painted it, when, where, and why.

What is the artist trying to tell you?

1. What is the story or message the artist is portraying? Does it have to do with mythology, history, religion, biography, beauty, politics, science, social upheaval, or a personal crisis?
2. If you cannot discern what the message might be, the artist's life and times may give you a clue.

Going Deeper

1. Why do you like or dislike it?
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