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### **Approaching a work of art**

**Choose a painting or sculpture in one of the galleries. Answer these questions before reading the label on the wall.**

Describe the basic scene. What is going on?

What is the focal point? (Where does your eye want to go?)

WHY is your eye attracted to the focal point? Is it because of the color? Size? Shape? (etc.)

What attracted you to this piece?

What does this work make you think of? Does it remind you of something you've seen or experienced in your life?

**Without looking at the label**, in what time period do you think this work was made? What do you see that makes you say that?

Turn away from the painting for a moment. What do you remember the most from the painting?

Read the label on the wall. Write down the name of the artist, the title, the year, and the materials.

What did you learn from the label? Did anything surprise you?

What more do you want to learn about the artwork?

Why do you think this work is hanging in an art museum?