



# the Art Curator for Kids

experiencing art with kids of all ages

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## Printing Instructions

You can print the index cards on cardstock, laminate, and cut them out.

Or, you can use the Avery White Postcards 8577. You can a link to this product at <http://artcuratorforkids.com/82-questions-to-ask-about-a-work-of-art>.

## How to Use These Cards

Activities for these cards will be posted on The Art Curator for Kids. If you'd like to join the e-mail list to be notified of new posts (and get a free pack of worksheets!), visit <http://artcuratorforkids.com/subscribe> to be notified when new resources are posted!



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## Questions?

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me directly at <http://artcuratorforkids.com/contact/>. I will do my best to respond promptly.



## 82 Questions to Ask About Art

1. *What's going on in this artwork?*
2. *What was your first reaction to this artwork? Why do you think you had the reaction?*
3. *Does your opinion about the artwork change the longer you look at it? Why?*
4. *Describe the lines in this artwork*
5. *Describe the colors in the artwork*
6. *Which area of the artwork is emphasized by the artist? Why?*
7. *Which area of the artwork is most important? Why?*
8. *How did this artist use space?*
9. *How did the artist use balance?*
10. *How did the artist use proportion?*
11. *How does your eye move through the artwork? What choices did the artist make to make that happen?*
12. *Close your eyes and describe the artwork from memory. Why did you remember what you remembered? Why did you forget what you forgot?*
13. *How would you describe this artwork to someone who has never seen it?*
14. *What elements of this painting seem real?*
15. *What adjectives would you use to describe this artwork?*
16. *What verbs would you use to describe this artwork?*
17. *What elements seem dreamlike or imaginary?*
18. *What is strange about this painting?*
19. *What is mysterious about this artwork?*
20. *What is normal about this artwork?*
21. *What is boring about this artwork?*
22. *Why is this artwork not boring to look at?*
23. *What is exciting about this artwork?*
24. *If this painting had sound effects, what would they sound like?*
25. *If this artwork was a brand, what would be its slogan?*



## 82 Questions to Ask About Art (cont.)

26. *What is missing from this artwork?*
27. *If this artwork were music, what would it sound like?*
28. *If this artwork could dance, what song would it dance to?*
29. *What do we know about the artist after viewing this artwork?*
30. *If you could ask the artist a question, what would you ask him/her?*
31. *Who do you think was this artwork created for? Why do you say that?*
32. *How do you think the artist feels about the final product?*
33. *How do you think this artwork was made?*
34. *Why do you think this artist created this work?*
35. *What do you think this artist is trying to say in this artwork? What is the meaning or message?*
36. *What's the story being told, if any?*
37. *What do you think happened before this scene?*
38. *What do you think happened next?*
39. *What emotions do you notice in the artwork?*
40. *What emotions do you feel when looking at this?*
41. *How do you think the artist was feeling when he created this artwork?*
42. *How did the artist use line, shape, and color to contribute to the mood or meaning?*
43. *What is the title? How does the title contribute to your understanding of the meaning?*
44. *What title would you give this artwork?*
45. *What symbols do you notice in the artwork?*
46. *What juxtapositions do you notice?*
47. *Put your body into the pose of some element of this artwork. How does it feel to be in that position?*
48. *What would it feel like to be in this artwork?*
49. *What does this artwork remind you of? Why?*



## 82 Questions to Ask About Art (cont.)

50. *How do you personally relate to/connect with this picture?*
51. *How can you connect this artwork to your own life?*
52. *How might you feel differently about the world after looking at this artwork?*
53. *Why do you think you should be learning about/looking at this artwork?*
54. *Do you want to see this artwork again? Why?*
55. *What do you want to remember about this artwork?*
56. *What do you want to forget about this artwork?*
57. *Who do you know that would really like this artwork? Why would they like it?*
58. *Who do you know that would really hate this artwork? Why would they hate it?*
59. *What do you like about this artwork?*
60. *What do you dislike about this artwork?*
61. *What is beautiful about this artwork?*
62. *Why would someone want to steal this artwork?*
63. *If you could change this artwork, how would you change it? Why?*
64. *What does this artwork say about the culture in which it was produced?*
65. *How do you think this artwork was used by the people who made it? What was its function?*
66. *Was this intended to be a work of art or not? Why do you think that? How does that impact your understanding of the artwork?*
67. *What does this painting say about the world in which we live?*
68. *What does this artwork teach us about the past?*
69. *How does this artwork teach us about the future?*
70. *What was happening in history when this artwork was made? How does that change your understanding of the artwork?*
71. *What are the values and beliefs of the culture in which this artwork was made?*





## 82 Questions to Ask About Art (cont.)

72. *How might your interpretation of this artwork be different from someone in another culture?*
73. *If you could ask this artwork a question, what would you ask it?*
74. *If this artwork had eyes, what would it see?*
75. *If this artwork were a person, what would they want to eat for lunch?*
76. *If this artwork were a person, what would they look like?*
77. *If this artwork were a person, what would their personality be?*
78. *If the art could talk, what would it say?*
79. *What would this artwork want to do when it grows up?*
80. *If this artwork could travel anywhere in the world, where would it go? Why?*
81. *If this painting were a person, what job/career would it want to have?*
82. *What is this artwork afraid of?*



What's going on in this artwork?

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What was your first reaction to this artwork? Why do you think you had the reaction?



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Does your opinion about the artwork change the longer you look at it? Why?

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Describe the lines in this artwork



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Describe the colors  
in the artwork

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Which area of the  
artwork is emphasized  
by the artist? Why?

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Which area of the  
artwork is most  
important? Why?

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How did this artist use  
space?

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How did the artist use balance?

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How did the artist use proportion?



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How does your eye move through the artwork? What choices did the artist make to make that happen?

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Close your eyes and describe the artwork from memory. Why did you remember what you remembered? Why did you forget what you forgot?



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How would you describe this artwork to someone who has never seen it?

What elements of this painting seem real?



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What adjectives would you use to describe this artwork?

What verbs would you use to describe this artwork?



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What elements seem dreamlike or imaginary?



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What is strange about this painting?



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What is boring about this artwork?

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Why is this artwork not boring to look at?

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Who do you think was this artwork created for? Why do you say that?

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How do you think the artist feels about the final product?



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How do you think this artwork was made?



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Why do you think this artist created this work?



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What do you think this artist is trying to say in this artwork?  
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How did the artist use line, shape, and color to contribute to the mood or meaning?

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Who do you know that would really like this artwork? Why would they like it?



*The Art Curator for Kids*

Who do you know that would really hate this artwork? Why would they hate it?



*The Art Curator for Kids*

What do you like about this artwork?



*The Art Curator for Kids*

What do you dislike about this artwork?



*The Art Curator for Kids*

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Why would someone want to steal this artwork?



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## Artwork Suggestions

Not sure where to start? Try out these artworks which always lead to great success in my classroom discussions.

### Younger Students (All Students)

- [20 Great Artworks to Look at with Young Kids](#)
- [A Year of Art Appreciation for Kids: 52 Artworks Your Children Should Know](#)
- [5 Artworks your Children will Love](#)

### Older Students

- [10 Great Artworks for Stimulating Discussion](#)
- [What is Art? 6 Artworks that Help Define Art](#)
- [5 Artworks to Intrigue Your High Schooler](#)
- [5 Artworks to Promote Introspection](#)
- [Art of the Civil Rights Movement](#)



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Thank you very much!

## How'd it go?

Did you use these cards in a lesson?  
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