Barnes Art Adventures—Grades 2–4

An Artist’s Lens
Tuesdays, 10–10:45 am & 1–1:45 pm ET
October through June
Free; reservations required

Artists question, examine, and share their experiences through their work. In this series, students explore the Barnes collection and contemporary artwork and discover how artists use their creativity to see the world around them.

In each episode, students are inspired to think like artists and to explore, observe, and experiment based on their surroundings. Students make inferences as they build art vocabulary using a chat feature where they can give their opinion in a poll, make written comments, and use visual art emojis to analyze what they see. After the show, students can take part in an art-making activity, and teachers receive resources to extend the learning.

Runtime: 45 minutes

Episodes

OCTOBER 19 & NOVEMBER 9, 2021: “A SIGN OF THE TIMES: SYMBOLS IN ART”
Artists express powerful ideas, often without the use of words. Learn how artists from different cultures convey personal and community-held beliefs through symbols. Featured artists: Elijah Pierce, Paul Cézanne.

NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 21, 2021: “FOOD AND ART”
Food influences many aspects of our daily lives, including art. In this episode, we discuss artworks that show or involve food as we learn about various cultures through what they eat. Featured works: Paul Cézanne’s Ginger Jar, c. 1895; Zuni Pueblo pottery.

JANUARY 11 & FEBRUARY 1, 2022: “FACES, FASHION, AND IDENTITY”
Carefully examine portraits to discover what we can learn about people from their pictures, poses, and clothes. Learn how our attire can tell a story. Featured artists: Nick Cave, Mickalene Thomas, Vincent van Gogh.

FEBRUARY 22 & MARCH 15, 2022: “PORTRAITS, PEOPLE, AND POWER”
With a focus on portraits, we explore how artists show their subjects’ power and privilege, or lack thereof. Learn about both better-known figures and marginalized narratives. Featured artists: Kehinde Wiley, Elijah Pierce.
An Artist’s Lens Episodes (continued)

APRIL 5 & 26, 2022: “NATIVE ART OF THE SOUTHWEST”
Celebrating our spring exhibition Water, Wind, Breath: Southwest Native Art in Community, this episode explores Native American art. See pottery, textiles, and jewelry from the Barnes collection as well as works by contemporary artists. Featured artists: Roxanne Swentzell, Virgil Ortiz, Barbara Teller Ornelas.

MAY 17 & JUNE 7, 2022: “INNOVATE LIKE THE IMPRESSIONISTS”
How do artists break the mold? Learn how the impressionists, a group of artists who painted together in France 150 years ago, changed the art world by refusing to conform. Featured works: Claude Monet’s The Studio Boat, 1876; Pierre-Auguste Renoir’s Mussel-Fishers at Berneval, 1879; Edgar Degas’s Group of Dancers, c. 1900.