Barnes Art Adventures—Grades 2–4

An Artist’s Lens

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 will be inspired to think like artists and to explore, observe, and experiment based on their surroundings. Students make inferences as they build art vocabulary, sharing their thoughts via chat and polls and using visual art emojis to analyze what they see. This innovative picture-exchange communication encourages close observation and group conversation in a whole new way. Students will be encouraged to continue to express their ideas about art in post-episode activities.

Runtime: 45 minutes

Episodes—Spring 2021

EPISODE 1: FOOD AND ART
Tuesdays, April 6, 13 & 27, and Monday, April 19, 11–11:45 am
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. Ginger Jar • Unidentified Zuni Pueblo Artist. Food Bowl

EPISODE 2: SPECIAL PLACES
Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25, 11–11:45 am
Landscapes are artworks that depict the outdoors. They can show special places and highlight our relationship with nature. Explore the outdoors through art!
Featured works: Wang Shimin. Fan—Mountainous Landscape • Vincent van Gogh. The Factory

EPISODE 3: LINES AND TEXTURES
Tuesdays, June 1 & 8, 11–11:45 am
Artists use brushstrokes to convey action and emotion. See how artists representing cultures from around the globe use smooth and textured lines of paint in their artworks.
Featured works: Vincent van Gogh. Houses and Figure • Qiu Ying. Seated Girl on Porch • Unidentified Persian Artist. A Battle Scene

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