Barnes Art Adventures—Grades 2–4

An Artist’s Lens

Artists question, examine, and share their experiences through their work. In this episode, we discuss 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 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. This innovative picture-exchange communication encourages close observation and group conversation in a whole new way. Students will be encouraged to continue to express these ideas about art in post-episode activities.

Runtime: 45 minutes

Episodes—Winter 2021

EPISODE 1: ART IS ALL AROUND US
Wednesdays, January 6, 20 & 27, 11–11:45 am
The objects we use in our everyday lives can also reveal details about who we are. Discuss artworks from the Barnes collection that give us a glimpse into various cultures.

Featured work: Acoma Mary (Acoma Pueblo culture). Storage Jar

EPISODE 2: ARTISTIC INFLUENCE
Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 11–11:45 am
Artists borrow ideas from earlier works and share inspiration with other artists as they create new and innovative works. What is fair to borrow? Who should get the credit for a new idea? Who gets individual credit for making an artwork and who gets group credit for making an artwork?


EPISODE 3: INNOVATE LIKE THE IMPRESSIONISTS
Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 11–11:45 am
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.


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