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Visual Arts

Skill: critical analysis

Motivation: A trip to the museum

Materials: personal connection worksheet

Vocabulary: critical analysis, landscape, evoke, realistic, abstract

Visual Arts Standards

- Grade K: VA.K.F.1.2/VA.K.H.1.1/VA.K.S.3.4
- Grade 1: VA.1.C.1.2/VA.1.C.2.1/VA.1.C.2.2/VA.1.C.3.1/VA.1.3.2/VA.1.H.1.1/VA.1.H.1.2/VA.1.H.2.1
- Grade 2: VA.2.C.1.2/VA.2.C.3.1/VA.2.C.3.2/VA.2.H.1.1/VA.2.H.2.1/VA.2.S.1.3/VA.2.S.1.4
- Grade 3: VA.3.C.1.2/VA.3.C.2.1/VA.3.C.2.2/VA.3.C.2.3/VA.3.C.3.2/VA.3.C.3.3/VA.3.H.1.1
- Grade 4: VA.4.C.1.1/VA.4.C.1.2/VA.4.C.2.2/VA.4.C.3.1/VA.4.S.1.4
- Grade 5: VA.5.C.1.2/VA.5.C.3.3/VA.5.S.1.4

Florida Standards

- Grade K: LAFS.K.RL.1.1/LAFS.K.RL.1.3/LAFS.K.RI.3.8/LAFS.K.W.1.1
- Grade 1: LAFS.1.RL.1.1/LAFS.1.RL.1.2/LAFS.1.RL.1.3/LAFS.1.RL.2.4/LAFS.1.RL.3.7/LAFS.1.W.1.1
- Grade 2: LAFS.2.RL.1.1/LAFS.2.RL.3.7/LAFS.2.RI.2.4/LAFS.2.RI.3.7/LAFS.2.W.1.1
- Grade 3: LAFS.3.RL.1.1/LAFS.3.RL.2.4/LAFS.3.RL.2.6/LAFS.3.RI.1.1/LAFS.3.RI.2.6/LAFS.3.W.1.1
- Grade 4: LAFS.4.RI.1.1/LAFS.4.RI.2.4/LAFS.4.RI.3.7/LAFS.4.L.3.6/LAFS.4.W.1.1
- Grade 5: LAFS.5.RI.1.2/LAFS.5.RI.2.4/LAFS.5.L.2.3/LAFS.5.L.3.6/LAFS.5.W.1.1

Aim: How do we describe the characteristics of *Lifeguard Chair with Two Bathers* by Graham Nickson?

Procedure:

- Define and discuss critical analysis.
- Introduce or review the vocabulary.
- Point out that the artist was born in Lancashire, England.
- Elicit information about England from the class (location, climate, industry).
- Ask the class what this type of painting is called (landscape).
- Discuss whether or not the painting is realistic or abstract.
- Describe the mood that is evoked in you by this scene (serious, happy or sad).
- Ask the children to explain why they are made to feel these ways.
- Have the children describe the colors and ask how the colors make them feel (warm, cold, happy, sad, excited, calm, or afraid).
- What do you suppose was the artist's mood when he painted the landscape?
- Is the painting symmetrical?
- Discuss texture and ask the children to describe what they see (smooth or bumpy).
- Ask the children to describe the shapes they see in terms of lines (straight, curvy, etc.).
- Ask for a brief critique of the painting (I liked or disliked the painting because ...).

Summary: Have the class complete the personal connection worksheet describing what the painting reminds them of in their lives.

Follow up: Have the class write a narrative for the painting.



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Creative/Journal Writing Suggestions

- Write a letter to a friend/relative describing the artwork.
- Describe and explain the emotions evoked in you by the painting.
- Did the piece remind you of something or some place in your life?
- Would you change anything in the work? Add or remove something?
- Would you recommend the work to a friend? Why or why not?
- Write a narrative recounting the conversation between the bathers.
- Do you think the bathers just arrived or are they getting ready to leave? Explain.
- Can you predict the setting (time, place and season)?
- Predict what the artist might create next.
- Be an art critic and write a review for a newspaper.
- Explain why or why not you would like to see more of the artist's work.
- In which room of your house would you install this painting and why?
- Give the painting a new title and explain the new name.
- Pretend you are an art dealer; persuade a customer to purchase the art work.
- Use the work of art in an advertisement to sell a product or a service.
- Use the scene as the logo for a sports team, a business or a musical group.
- Compose a jingle or a poem about the art work or about the artist.
- Compile a list of questions you would ask the artist during an interview.

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- Grade 2: LAFS.2.W.1.1/LAFS.2.W.1.3/LAFS.2.W.3.8/LAFS.2.L.3.5
- Grade 3: LAFS.3.W.1.1/LAFS.3.W.1.2/LAFS.3.W.1.3/LAFS.3.W.3.8/LAFS.3.L.3.4
- Grade 4: LAFS.4.W.1.1/LAFS.4.W.1.2/LAFS.4.L.3.6
- Grade 5: LAFS.5.W.1.1/LAFS.5.W.1.2/LAFS.5.W.1.3/LAFS.5.L.3.4

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Math Suggestions

- Have the students draw a rectangle with the same dimensions as the work.
- Identify and define the characteristics of the shapes observed in the painting.
- Convert the inches into metric measurement.
- Describe and explain any observable patterns.
- Estimate the weight of the work in both standard and metric measurement.
- Use non-standard measurement as a method to measure the piece (pencil, finger, hands).
- Estimate the amount of time it took for the artist to create this masterpiece.
- Find the area and the perimeter.
- Calculate the elapsed time between the birth of the artist and the present; convert the years into months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds.
- Calculate the elapsed time between the creation of the work of art and the present; convert the years into months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds.
- Calculate the artist's age when he completed this scene; convert the years into months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds.
- Divide the painting diagonally and identify the two newly formed shapes.
- List objects that are approximately the same size as the painting.
- Identify the angles observed in the painting.
- Classify the numbers as even or odd.

Florida Standards

- Grade K: MAFS.K.MD.1.1/MAFS.K.MD.1.2/MAFS.K.G.1.2/MAFS.K.G.1.3/MAFS.K.G.2.4
- Grade 1: MAFS.1.MD.1.1/MAFS.1.G.1.1/MAFS.1.G.1.2/MAFS.1.G.1.3
- Grade 2: MAFS.2.OA.3.3/MAFS.2.NBT.2.5/MAFS.2.MD.1.1/MAFS.2.MD.1.3/MAFS.2.G.1.1
- Grade 3: MAFS.3.MD.1.2/MAFS.3.MD.3.5/MAFS.3.MD.3.7/MAFS.3.MD.4.8
- Grade 4: MAFS.4.NBT.2.4/MAFS.4.MD.1.1/MAFS.4.MD.1.3/MAFS.4.MD.3.5/MAFS.4.G.1.3
- Grade 5: MAFS.5.MD.1.1/MAFS.5.MD.3.3/MAFS.5.G.2.4 Grade 5: Math.Content.5.MD.A.1

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Language Arts

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Motivation: Museum trip

Materials: index cards

Vocabulary: adjective, noun, category

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Aim: How do we use adjectives to describe *Lifeguard Chair with Two Bathers* by Graham Nickson?

Procedure:

- Define adjectives: an adjective is a word that describes a noun.
- Review nouns: nouns are people, places or things.
- Give a few examples of adjectives and elicit a few more from the class.
- Introduce/review and discuss the vocabulary.
- Record the following elicited adjectives on index cards:
 - a) texture (smooth, rough, thick, soft or hard).
 - b) shapes (circles, rectangles, squares).
 - c) colors (bright, dull, warm or cool).
 - d) moods evoked by the painting (happy, sad, playful or none at all.).
 - e) lines (straight, curvy or diagonal).
 - f) symmetry
 - g) setting (time of day, season, location, etc.).
 - h) energy or motion (intensity, direction, etc.).
- Have the children classify the adjectives on the index cards into categories.

Summary: List five adjectives describing the classroom.

Follow Up: Write five sentences describing family members or friends.