

LOOK & DISCOVER

Explore the gallery and think about the answers to these questions. Take time to look at the artwork up-close, noticing the small details to better understand the artists' work. Discuss in your group, and share your thoughts with each other.



1. Select one artwork that catches your attention. Closely look at the piece for 30 seconds. Then, discuss what you've noticed.
 - *Is there a main subject?*
 - *Is there a background that helps you know where this is taking place?*
 - *What are interesting details you notice?*
 - *Is this telling a story?*
 - *Why do you think the artist created this piece?*
2. The works in this exhibit showcase a variety of styles. Some are more realistic, and others are more abstracted. Some are in color, others are in black and white.
 - *Which styles are you drawn to? Why?*

3. The majority of the works in this exhibition were produced during the 1930s and 1940s, the era of the Great Depression. They portrayed African American subjects in rural and urban settings, many showing scenes of factory workers, dock workers, farmers, bridge builders, road menders. Many also focused on family themes.

- *Can you find examples of these topics and themes?*

- *Why do you think these artists chose these subjects?*

4. All of the artwork in this exhibit was collected by the Kelleys, so they could educate others about the history of African American art.

- *If you were building your own collection, which five paintings would you select, and why?*

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