

Arts All Around Us

Encouraging Creativity Outside The Classroom

The questions and activities below are designed to inspire students and families to connect with the arts in fun and engaging ways. Using the Artistic Processes as a guide, these ideas provide a framework for arts learning at home and in the community.

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Wise Words

"Creativity Takes Courage"

- Henri Matisse

Reflect on It: Think about a time in your life when you had courage. What did you do? Share with a family member or friend.



Title: **Self-Portrait**

Artist: Samuel Joseph Brown, Jr., (ca. 1941)

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Let's Explore!

Spend several minutes looking closely at the painting to the left.

What do you notice?

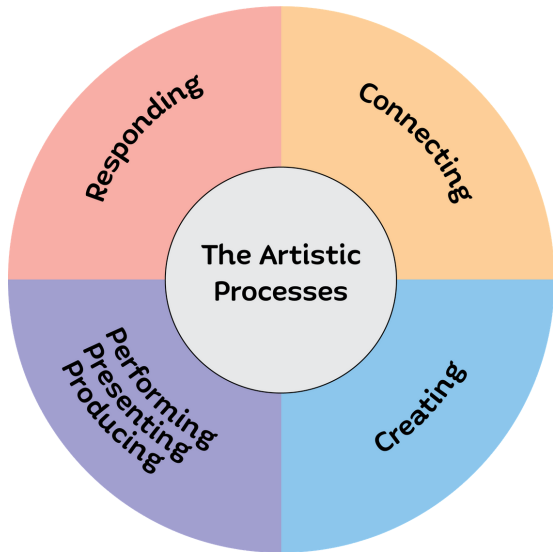
What do you wonder?

Write down your ideas and talk about them with your family or friends.

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The Artistic Processes

Recall the artwork you looked at earlier as you explore the artistic processes through the questions and activities below.



Respond - Explore and Understand

- What **colors** do you see in the painting? Why do you think the artist chose to use these colors?
- What **objects** do you see in the painting? Are there two men or just one? How do you know?

Connect - Relate to the Art

- How does the painting make you **feel**? Why?
- If you could **interview the artist**, what questions would you ask?

Create - Make Art

- Draw or paint your own **self-portrait**. For an added challenge, use only two or three colors.
- Imagine you are the artist in the painting. Write a **poem, story, or play** about your life.

Present and Perform- Share Your Art

- **Share** your creations with your family or friends.
- Take a moment to tell them what you **discovered**.

Focus Artwork



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