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
"The world is before you, and you need not take it or leave it as it was when you came in."
– James Baldwin

Reflect on It: Think about your neighborhood and your community. How can you make a difference there? Share your thoughts with a family member or friend.

Let's Explore!
Spend several minutes looking at the sculpture in the photo to the left.

What do you notice?
What do you wonder?
How does it make you feel?

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

Title: The Harp
Artist: Augusta Savage
Location: New York World’s Fair of 1939
(Sculpture was demolished after the Fair)
Image Source
The Artistic Processes

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

**Focus Artwork**

**Respond - Explore and Understand**

- What **objects** do you notice in the sculpture?
- How did the artist use **shape** and **form** to tell a story in the sculpture?

**Connect - Relate to the Art**

- Read the **focus poem** in the box below. How do you think this excerpt from the poem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" connects to the sculpture?
- If you could talk about the sculpture with the artist, what **questions** would you ask her?

**Create - Make Art**

- Think about ways in which you can **lift your own voice** to improve your neighborhood or community.
- Create an **original artwork** of your choice - painting, dance, song, film, or poem - to tell your story.

**Present and Perform - Share Your Art**

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

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**Focus Poem**

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
James Weldon Johnson

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