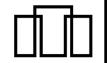
GALLERY ACTIVITY



Experience Backpacks!

ACTIVITY FOCUS AND GOALS

- Empower students to interpret art through their lens
- Make the connection between life experiences and how we view art

MATERIALS NEEDED

Optional: list of recommended works to facilitate conversation

STRUCTURE / ACTIVITY

- We all have invisible backpacks where we store are past experiences. These experiences filter the way we view art.
- Have the group gather around a specific work of art
- Ask the following questions to the whole group
 - Does this work of art bring up any feelings, like joy or anxiety for anyone?
 - Does this work of art remind anyone of a past experience they have had?
- Then, ask if anyone would like to guess to what is happening in the work? Ask if others agree or have a different interpretation. What past experiences make them think this is whats going on?

VALIDATION

We recommend having students snap after each turn as a way to validate each students personal experiences.