



Presentation Suggestions

About the Artist & Artwork

See if they can predict the gender of the artist from viewing the print.

Give the artist's name and have them guess where the artist may have been born and raised, just from the sound of the name.

Talk about the subject matter and the name of the print.

Can they find the artist's signature?

Where and when did the artist live?

Talk about interesting or unusual facts about the artist and painting.

What other artists have we talked about that are from the same time, place or paint in the same style.

Subject Matter

What is the subject matter?

What story is the artist trying to tell?

How did the artist want the viewer to feel?

What might have happened before/after the scene in the painting?

What can you tell me about the people in the painting? Happy/Sad, poor/wealthy, living long ago or today.

What is the season/weather?

What time of day?

What sounds or smells would there be if you were there?

Technique

What material did the artist use (oil, pastel ..)

What is the style of painting (impressionist, abstract, etc..)

What kind of brush strokes were used?

What kind of lines and shapes do you see?

Are the lines thick/thin, curved/straight, carefully drawn or not?

What is the source of light?

How does the artist show depth, perspective?

Color

What colors are used?

Are they bright/dark?

How do they make you feel?

Additional Discussion Subjects

Perspective

Depth f Field

Horizon Line

Symbolism