

Guided Critique

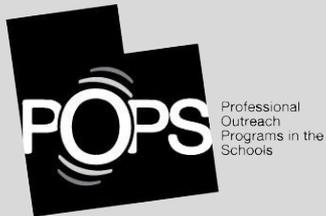
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The Brat Pack, 1993

oil on canvas

Springville Museum of Art Collection

Grade Level: 6-8





Look at this painting and describe what you see.

1. What is the subject?
2. What types of items are the boys holding?
3. What details do you see in the background?
4. How would you describe each of the boy's emotions?
5. What types of colors, shapes, and lines does the artist use?



Respond

1. What does this make you think of?
2. How does it make you feel? Why?
3. Does it remind you of anything? Another painting? A movie or TV show?
4. What do you think the boys are doing?



Analyze

1. What decade do you think this was painted in by looking at the details?
2. How are these boys related? What is their relationship? How can you tell?
3. Why do you think this painting is called *The Brat Pack*?

Fashion



Fashion in the 1990s included overalls, loose fitting shorts, and bright colors. It was also popular to wear your favorite sport teams logo. The Chicago Bulls was a popular sports team because of Michael Jordan who was considered the greatest player of all time.

- Do you wear clothes like the kids in these pictures? How are your clothes different?
- What types of clothing can you find both in these photos and in the painting *The Brat Pack*?

Pop Culture Connection



Some members of “The Brat Pack”: (from left to right) Rob Lowe, Demi Moore, Ramon Estevez, Mare Winningham, Judd Nelson, Ally Sheedy, and Andrew McCarthy.

“The Brat Pack” was a nickname given to a group of young actors who appeared in movies together during the 1980s.

1. Do you think the artist is trying to recreate the idea of “The Brat Pack”?
2. What is different between the boys in the artwork and “The Brat Pack”?



Connect

1. How can you relate to this artwork? Does it remind you of any memories of being a kid? Why or Why not?
2. How would this painting be different if it was portraying kids today?



Create

1. Create an artwork inspired by *The Brat Pack*. Experiment with different types of materials such as:
 - a. Photography
 - b. Sketching
 - c. Mixed Media
2. What details would you change in your own artwork?
3. Who else would you like to be in your artwork?