



## Activities: Grades K-2

1. Artists tell stories through their art. Sometimes these stories show how the artists feel or what they think about something. These stories could also be about something that actually happened, a true story. Looking at the pieces in this exhibition, which pieces do you think tell a true story? Which pieces do you think show the artist's imagination or an imaginary story?

### Activity:

- Find your favorite piece of art. Write a few sentences about why you like that art. Do you like the colors? The shapes? What does it make you think or feel?
2. Art is a way to tell stories, just like pictures in a picture book, the art in these galleries tell stories about the artist, what life is like in different times or parts of the world, or even stories from the imagination of the artist. Look at the different art in these galleries. What stories do you see? What new things do you learn or discover from the stories the artwork tells?

### Activity:

- Using only one piece of paper create a drawing that tells a story. It can be about something from your life or it can be from your imagination. What colors and shapes do you use to help you tell your story?

### Additional Resources:

- 5 Cool Ways to Get Your Kids Telling Stories:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/5-cool-ways-to-get-your-kids-telling-stories.html>
- Help a Child Write a Story:  
<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/tips-howtos/help-child-write-story-a-30593.html>
- 5 Ways to Help Your Children Express Themselves:  
<https://sunshinehouse.com/blog/5-ways-to-help-your-children-express-themselves/>

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Utah State Core Standards:

### Kindergarten Social Studies

Standard 1/ Objective 1: Describe and compare characteristics of self and others.

### Grade 1 Visual Arts

Standard 1.V.R.1: Select and describe works of art that illustrate daily life experiences of one's self and others, and compare images that represent the same subject.

### Grade 2 Fine Arts

Standard 2.V.CR.1: Brainstorm multiple approaches to an art or design problem, and make art or design with various materials and tools to explore personal interests, questions, and curiosity.

**Grade K-2 English Language Arts**

Writing Standard 8: With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.