

WRITE AN A-TO-Z POEM

Art | English Language Arts & Literature

Possible curricular outcomes, artwork dependent: Social Studies

Look closely

Stop and quietly look at this artwork for at least one full minute.

- What do you notice?
- Use your view finder to help focus on any parts that make you curious.
- Take a moment to imagine you are inside the artwork. What can you hear and smell?

Questions

- Look closely at this image. Which words come to mind?
- What colours do you notice?
- What shapes do you see?
- What do you notice about the subject matter?

Activity

Materials: paper, pencil, pencil crayons (optional)

1. On a sheet of paper, write the alphabet from A to Z in a column with one letter in every line (it is okay if you spill over onto another sheet of paper).
2. Looking at the artwork, try to find a word or phrase starting with every letter of the alphabet. You can do this with others or by yourself. You do not have to go in order – if you get stuck on one letter, move on and come back to it later.
3. When your poem is done, you can copy it onto another sheet of paper. Try playing with different lettering, making the first letter decorative, or adding other embellishments.

Share!

Choose a different artwork and write a poem with someone else! You can email your poems to us at Glenbow: schoolprograms@glenbow.org.

Additional questions and thought starters

- What is the purpose of art?
- How does this artwork make you feel?
- How would you describe this artwork to someone who has never seen it?