

Drama Activity: The Art Conversation

By David Allen.

In this Drama and Art series, teacher and Associate Professor David Allen explains the different ways in which drama and art intersect, and how the two subjects can be taught together to foster skills in creative thinking, communication as well as nurture an awareness and appreciation of art.

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Drama Activity 1: The Art Conversation

The aim of the art conversation is to help children really 'see' what is going on in the painting and to notice things they may otherwise miss. We want the children to imagine they are stepping into the painting to explore what is there. We want to take them on a visual tour of the artwork and encourage them to look, look and look again. To search and explore beyond the surface. This approach encourages the children to have a dialogue with you as the teacher and with each other. By sharing their thoughts openly and actively listening to each other they will develop their visual literacy and art appreciation skills.



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