

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

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**Extra Credit: Curator for a Day**  
**Denver Art Museum**

**Background:** A museum curator manages collections of art or artifacts and designs exhibit displays. During this activity, kids will have the opportunity to become a curator and explore art - what they like and are drawn to AND what they don't like.

**Activity Introduction:**

1. Make sure to grab a map of the museum as you enter. Trying to see the whole museum can be overwhelming, so take a look at the map and discuss which exhibits to visit. Kids should choose what galleries they'd like to explore.
2. Part of any art museum experience is deciding what kind of art, medium, artist, etc a person likes. This activity will allow kids to investigate what and why they like a certain piece of art. When we view art, we like/dislike it due to how it makes us feel, the colors, the subject, the "movement" of the art strokes.

**Questions to Ask:**

Once you are in your chosen gallery, choose one piece of art and ask the following questions:

- What do you like about it
- How does it make you feel—excited, calm?
- Why do you think it makes you feel that way?

**Activity:** Explain that kids will have 10 minutes to explore the gallery on their own. If the gallery is not very busy, take the cards below and cut or tear them apart, so that you have four cards. Place a card in front of a piece of work that represents each symbol. If the gallery is full, write the name of the piece and/or draw a picture of the piece for each of the boxes. Kids should explain their choice for each card.



Which piece of art reminds you of home?



Which piece of art would you buy for yourself?



Which piece is your favorite?



Which piece do you not like ?

Curator cards

	
	