

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

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Background: The Benson Sculpture Garden is home to over 170 sculptures. To help guide you through the park, pick up or <u>download a map</u>.

Word Alert:

- **Sculpture** is a piece of visual art that is three dimensional.
- Bronze is a metal that makes up some of the sculptures. It has mostly copper in it.
- **Fantasy** is something you imagine.
- **Realistic** is true to life.
- Abstract does not attempt to represent real things.

Questions to Ask:

- What's the difference between fantasy and realistic?
- What are some things to notice about sculptures as you view them? Is it fantasy, realistic or abstract, size, how many characters in the piece, does it represent something a child or an adult would do, etc

Activity: This activity will be a lesson in observation and question asking. You need at least two people for this activity. One person to choose the sculpture and the other to try and guess which sculpture was chosen. The person choosing the sculpture must choose one sculpture piece that is visible to both people.

The person trying to guess what sculpture was chosen can ask up to 20 questions that can **only be answered by yes or no.** Keep track of the number of questions by tallying with your fingers. If the guesser comes up with the artwork before twenty questions, then the guesser wins. Switch roles and try again.

Sample starter questions might be:

- Is it taller than an adult?
- Is this realistic?
- If it is realistic, are there more than one living characters in it?

