Sketching in the Galleries

Don’t just look at the art, be an artist yourself. Drawing in the galleries is a good way to slow down and really examine a work of art closely. It also allows for creative thinking, criticism, and focus.

- Only pencils are allowed in the galleries.
- The museum has some clipboards available at the front desk.
- Try using an iPad or drawing app to draw on your phone.

Use these ideas to get started:

- **Observational Drawing**
  - Pay close attention to the details in this work of art and try to recreate them in your own drawing.
- **Beyond the Frame**
  - What do you think has been cropped out of this image? What would you see if you could pan to the right or left of the image?
- **Lines and Shapes**
  - Recreate this work using only lines and geometric shapes.
- **Before and After**
  - Draw what you think happened before or after what you see in this artwork?
- **Appropriate it!**
  - Draw your own interpretation of the artwork. What would you have changed or done differently?
- **Take it Elsewhere**
  - Where do you imagine this artwork should be or could be, if it wasn’t in the Museum? Draw the perfect setting for this artwork and the people you think would appreciate it most.