



Interactive Exercise: Thought Ladder

Spending time with a work of art can be an opportunity for thoughtful inquiry and ideation. For students, documenting their ideas as they work to interpret an artwork offers the chance to exercise metacognition. With this interactive exercise, featuring a work of art from the Mughal Empire, students can gain insight into how they process information and formulate ideas.

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| Grade Level: | Adult, College, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 |
| Collection: | South Asian Art |
| Culture/Region: | South Asia |
| Subject Area: | Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, History and Social Science, Visual Arts |
| Activity Type: | Distance Learning, Engagement Activity |

At your own pace, click through the slides below to activate your creative thinking as you interpret an intricate and colorful painting commissioned by Mughal emperor Akbar. You may wish to click on the “full screen” icon for the best view.

Other objects to try

You may wish to try the Thought Ladder exercise with other VMFA artworks. What do you think of these?

King's Beaded Robe

Unknown (Artist)



The Former and the Ladder or Ascension a...

Trenton Doyle Hancock, American, born 1974 (Artist)



Alexander Spotswood Payne and His Brothe...

The Payne Limner, American, active ca. 1780 - 1803 (Artist)



Tabard

Unknown (Artist)



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Unknown (Artist)



Sei-shonagon Lifting up a Bamboo Blind

Hashimoto Gaho 橋本雅邦, Japanese, 1835-1908 (Artist)



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