



Sketching to Learn: Before and After

This activity activates the imagination while encouraging students to consider contextual clues and artistic decisions.

Grade Level: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12,
Grades K-2

Subject Area: English, Fine Arts, Visual Arts

Activity Type: Engagement Activity

BEFORE AND AFTER

Sometimes artists create multiple works of art to tell a whole story. Sometimes they only show us part of a story, leaving the rest up to us and our imaginations.

Invite students to help tell the story:

Choose an artwork that seems to have a story. Examine the scene and then sketch what you imagine might have occurred before or after the moment the artist chose to represent.

Share drawings and ideas.