

## Writing to Learn: Words in Their Mouths and Thoughts in Their Heads

Use speech and thought bubble templates to activate critical thinking and inspire learners to creatively consider different points of view. Note: When printing for use at the museum please be advised that students may only use pencils in the VMFA galleries.

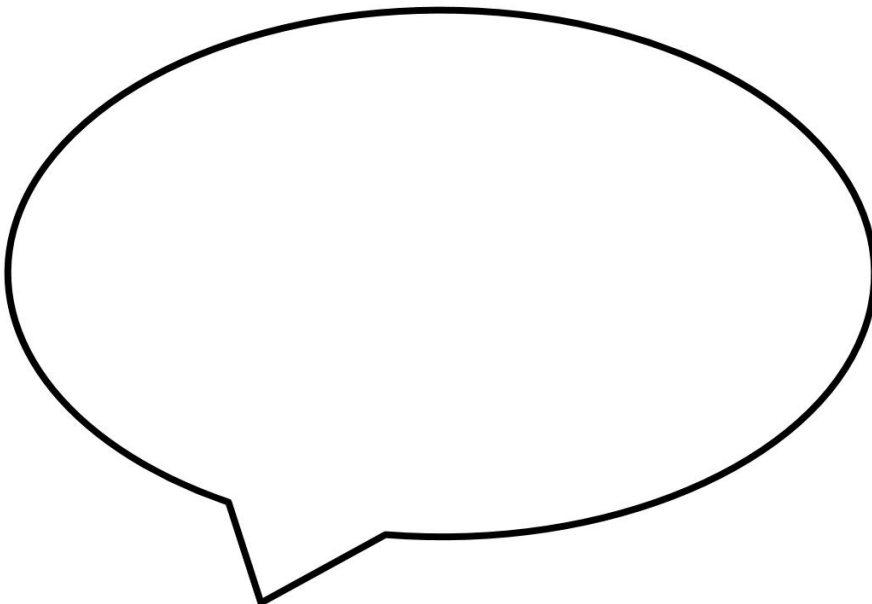
<b>Grade Level:</b>	College, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12
<b>Subject Area:</b>	English, Fine Arts, History and Social Science, Visual Arts, World Languages
<b>Activity Type:</b>	Engagement Activity

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### SPEECH BUBBLE

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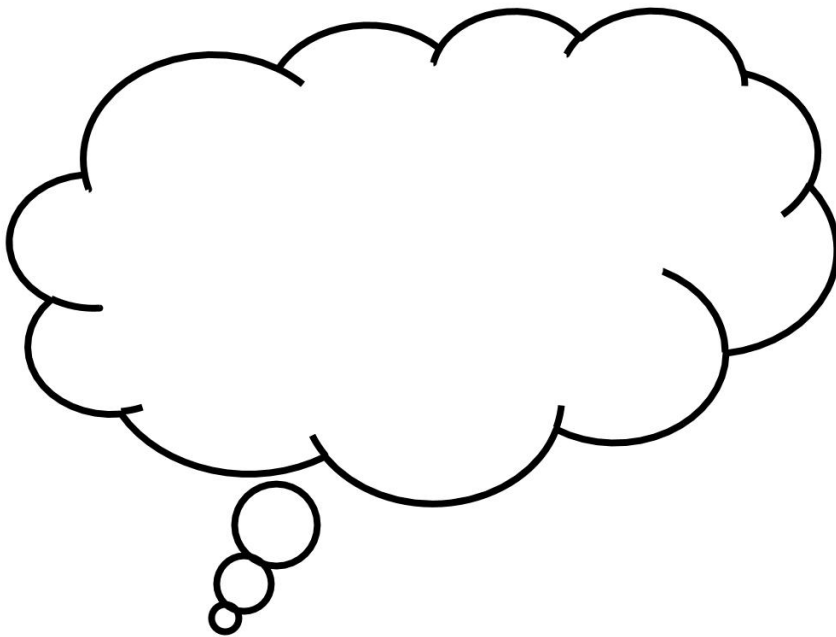
- Choose a figure depicted in a work of art.
- Look closely.
- Gather all the information you can about this figure.
- Think about visual clues like setting, clothing, and body language.
- Based on what you see and what you know, what might this figure have to say?



## THOUGHT BUBBLE

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- Choose a figure depicted in a work of art.
- Look closely.
- Gather all the information you can about this figure.
- Think about visual clues like setting, clothing, and body language.
- Based on what you see and what you know, what might this figure be thinking about?



## SUGGESTED WORKS OF ART

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Try this activity with these works of art or find more options using the VMFA [Collections](#) page.

### **Kids**

George Bellows, American, 1882 - 1925 (Artist)



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**Alexander Spotswood Payne and His Brothe...**

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



**Alexander Spotswood Payne and His Brother John Robert Dandridge Payne, with Their Nurse**

**Page from an Akbar-nama Manuscript: Muza...**

Unknown (Artist)



**Page from an Akbar-nama Manuscript: Muzaffar Khan Quells a Revolt at Hajipur**

**The Visitation**

Mattia Preti, Italian, 1613 - 1699 (Artist)



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**The Prodigal Son**

Aaron Douglas, American, 1899 - 1979 (Artist)



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**A Family of Spanish Smugglers**

Gustave Doré, French, 1832 - 1883 (Artist)



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**Black-figured Amphora (Storage Vessel)**

attributed to a painter of, Group E, Greek, active 560 - 540 BC (Artist)



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