**IDEAS FOR ADULTS**

The 22-minute video *Viewpoints: How Do You Understand Art?* :

1. Introduces and gives examples of five sets of ideas (Viewpoints) viewers can use to understand artworks;
2. Illustrates how Viewpoints can be used to expand viewers’ understanding of a single artwork; and
3. Reviews key ideas relevant to all five Viewpoints, then offers viewers practice identifying the Viewpoints they use.

The video concludes by inviting viewers to use Viewpoints to expand and deepen their own art understanding.

Before visiting an art museum, you might watch the video with whoever accompanies you to the museum. You can print out copies of the *Viewpoints Guide* for your companion/s and refer to the key ideas as you share responses stimulated by artworks that capture the group’s attention.

The video and *Viewpoints Guide* can also be used in other settings, such as adult art classes, social circles, library outreach programs, or through community centers. The third part of the video shows five artworks long enough to give viewers time to consider which Viewpoint they are inclined to use to understand each. Stop the video after each artwork and ask participants to share their responses. In the discussion, members of the group will not only learn more about the art, but also about each other. You might invite people to bring images of artworks they like or admire, such as reproductions accessible online, posters, reproductions in books, or even original art they have made, purchased, or been given. The *Viewpoints Guide* offer touchstones for sharing, comparing, and reflecting together.