

## Engage with Art

# Ideas for a Museum Visit or the Classroom



Hélène Arfi, *Sacred Ibises* (1/8), 2012, bronze

### Seeing Space in Sculpture

**Positive Space:** the parts in an artwork that serve as the subject or areas of interest – in sculpture, these have mass.

**Negative Space:** the areas around the positive space – in sculpture, these are the empty spaces.

### Positive Spaces Darkened



### Negative Spaces Darkened



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# Portraits: People or Animal Subjects in 2-D or 3-D Artworks

- Find a **portrait** in the galleries.
- A **portrait** is a visual representation of a person or animal that tells the viewer something about appearance, profession, personality, or lifestyle.
- In a small group, create a haiku or short story about the subject of the portrait; reference the style, surroundings, and subject's expression, etc. to shape the story or poem.
- A **haiku** is a short, three-line Japanese poem that follows a structure based on **syllables** or sound units. For example, the word "museum" includes three syllables – "mu" "se" "um." The first line of the haiku has 5 syllables total, the second line 7, and the third line 5.
- Use the lines below for the group haiku or story answering the question:

**"Who Am I?"**

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## Paintings: Compare & Contrast

- Ask students to select the two paintings to compare and contrast as they answer the questions below.

	<b>Color</b>	<b>Mood</b>	<b>Brushstrokes</b>	<b>Feeling</b>
	What colors are most frequent or striking?	Use a word to describe the tone or energy of the paintings.	Identify and describe the artists' brushstrokes – are they small/large, grouped/spread out, etc.	Using adjectives, how do you feel when viewing the paintings?
<b>Painting 1</b>				
<b>Painting 2</b>				

### Identify Your Selections

(Artists' names and artwork titles can be found on labels)

**Painting 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Painting 2** \_\_\_\_\_