

SPEAKING OF ART

Art Education

MoMA

The Museum of Modern Art
Located on 53rd Street&5th
Avenue in Manhattan

One of the largest and most
influential museums in the
world

Its collection; modern and
contemporary art includes
works of paintings,
sculptures, architecture,
designs, films, and
photography

There are a wide variety of
educational programs for
children, youth, and adults

Visual Thinking Curriculum

An art educational method
developed by MoMA

An inquiry-based method of
exploring art that aims to
develop students' thinking
skills through looking at and
discussing art

The activities are sharing
opinions, observations, and
developing thoughtful
expressions.

It has been approximately two months since I started living in New York. As it's called 'the melting pot', many people come from different countries, they speak different languages, and they think and behave differently.

Of course, it's not easy for everybody to get along with each other. So New York gives people opportunities to share the importance of life through a variety of educational classes. Art education provided by museums is popular and effective.

MoMA has developed effective art educational methods for all ages. I go to MoMA's Learning and Research Center from Tuesday through Friday to do research, and I often see many students taking part in art workshops or museum tours. They learn how to observe objects, how to think, and how to express their opinions by looking at art work exhibited in the museums. They discuss art in front of famous works by artists such as Picasso and Van Gogh.

I'm learning and researching art educational methods in order to make use of it in Japan.

One of effective method might be creating a Visual Thinking Curriculum.





Name :

Teacher :

1. What's happening in this picture?

2. What do you see in the picture which makes you say this?

3. How is looking at this picture similar to other activities you do in school?

4. How is looking at this picture similar to other activities you do outside of school?

5. Do you ever use the questions above when looking at other things, inside or outside of school? When and why?

Look at the picture, and ask yourself the following five questions.

You can speak or write when answering these questions.

Keep the following in mind.

• **Deepen perspectives.**

• Making mistakes can give you a

learning opportunity.

• **Think in English** while you talk or write.

• It engages you in **the sharing of opinions** and **observations**, and **the development of thoughtful interpretation** based on what you actually see in works of art.

Share your observation and opinions with your friends and teachers.

Of course, you can also email me.

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