


LOOKING AT SCULPTURE



Find a sculpture in the Art Museum and spend some time looking at it. Then think about and discuss the questions below.

A sculpture is a work of art that is three-dimensional. It isn't flat like a painting or photograph; it is something you can walk around or look at from different sides.

1. Look carefully at this work of art. What do you see?
2. What do you think it is made of? (Check the label to see whether you are right.)
3. How do you think it was made? What tools might the artist have used?
4. What do you think it would feel like if you could touch it? Smooth? Rough?
5. Is it all one piece or is it made of different pieces?
6. What is the size of the sculpture: small, large, or in between?
7. How does the sculpture relate to the space around it? Would it look different if it were in a different location: outside or alone in a large, empty room?
8. What shapes do you see? Are they geometric (square, circle, triangle, etc.) or are they more free-form and curvy?
9. When we look at sculpture we also see background, empty areas, or places where the sculpture isn't. We refer to these areas as negative space. What do you notice about the negative space?