

Work in Progress: Conversations about American Art

Use the artwork to help you draw or write your responses to the questions.

PORTRAITURE AND SELF-FASHIONING IN EARLY AMERICA

Who gets to be an American?

Who else do you think could be on the American gallery walls?

URBAN REALISM AND REGIONALISM: TWO VISIONS OF AMERICA

How have urban and rural experiences shaped the image of American life?

What does American life look like to you?

LANDSCAPE AND NATIONHOOD

What is the legacy of westward expansion?

How do you feel our ideals of nationhood or “Americanness” have influenced our lives?

REALISM AND AESTHETICISM: THE POLITICS OF STYLE

Is there an American style in art?

Thinking about art, movies, or other aspects of popular culture, what is American style?