Cinquain
Write a poem about a work of art.

DIRECTIONS
A cinquain is a five-line poem that describes a person, place or thing. Here’s an example:

How to write a cinquain, line by line:
1. A one-word title (noun)
2. Two Adjectives
3. Three “-ing” verbs
4. A phrase
5. Synonym (noun)

Cinquain example:
Oak
Majestic, gigantic
Standing, shading, growing
In need of a tire swing
tree

STEP 1
Choose one work of art to look at. Look closely at the image and describe what you see. Have a 3-5 minute discussion about the work of art.

STEP 2
Review the instructions and cinquain example.

STEP 3
Take 5–10 minutes to write out your poem. If you get stuck, look back at the work of art for inspiration. Create a list of what you see, nouns and adjectives.

STEP 4
When finished, read your poem aloud.

DISCUSSION
What was challenging about this activity?
What new insights did you gain about the work of art?