



The questions and activities below are designed to inspire students and families to connect with the arts in fun and engaging ways. Using the Artistic Processes as a guide, these ideas provide a framework for arts learning at home and in the community.

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Title: **The Harp**  
Artist: Augusta Savage  
Location: New York World's Fair of 1939  
(Sculpture was demolished after the Fair)  
Image Source

### Wise Words

"The world is before you, and you  
need not take it or leave it as it was  
when you came in."

- James Baldwin

**Reflect on It:** Think about your neighborhood and your community. How can you make a difference there? Share your thoughts with a family member or friend.

### Let's Explore!

Spend several minutes looking at the sculpture in the photo to the left.

**What do you notice?**

**What do you wonder?**

**How does it make you feel?**

Write down your ideas and talk about them with your family or friends.



# The Artistic Processes

Recall the sculpture you looked at earlier as you explore the artistic processes through the questions and activities below.

## Focus Artwork



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## Respond - Explore and Understand

- What **objects** do you notice in the sculpture?
- How did the artist use **shape** and **form** to tell a story in the sculpture?

## Connect - Relate to the Art

- Read the **focus poem** in the box below. How do you think this excerpt from the poem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" connects to the sculpture?
- If you could talk about the sculpture with the artist, what **questions** would you ask her?

## Create - Make Art

- Think about ways in which you can **lift your own voice** to improve your neighborhood or community.
- Create an **original artwork** of your choice - painting, dance, song, film, or poem - to tell your story.

## Present and Perform- Share Your Art

- **Share** your creations with your family or friends.
- Take a moment to tell them what you **discovered**.
- Encourage them to **make a difference** too.

## Focus Poem

Lift every voice and sing,  
till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise,  
high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
James Weldon Johnson

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