

Milwaukee Art Museum JDSP
3rd Grade – Tour 1: Experiencing Art through the Senses

Pre-visit Mini Lesson

We are looking forward to seeing your 3rd graders at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Here are some activities to help prepare the students for the visit.

Watch:

1. Please show them the MAM *Museum Manners* video. It is short and fun.

From YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=Jn7K4_HFTXo

From the MAM website: <https://mam.org/learn/>

2. Please have a nametag (first name in big readable letters) for each student. This allows the docent to call them by name and engage with them more personally.

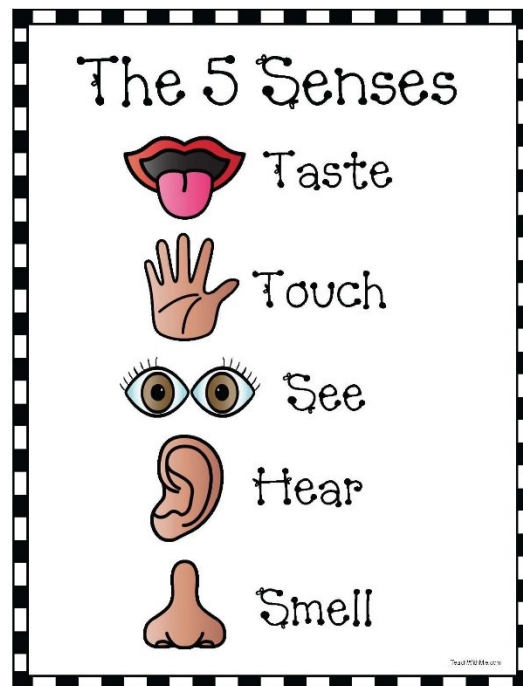
Introduce:

On this **Experiencing Art Through the Senses** tour, we will use our senses and our imaginations to view works of art.

- a. **Vocabulary:** Please review the 5 senses and what they mean: **seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching.**
- **Sense-** a faculty by which the body perceives an external stimulus; one of the faculties of sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch.
 - Sense can refer to a premonition or emotion. For example: sense of humor, sense of balance, and/or sense of motion, sense of place, etc.

Ask:

- **Students to give examples of each sense.**
- **How do students think using the senses can help us understand art better?**



Optional Follow-Up Activity:

Ask your students to share examples of the senses that were most memorable to them on their tour on the bus ride back to school or when you return to your classroom as a closure activity. A printable post-visit activity sheet is available in the Teacher Appendix of the JDSP Resource Packet.