Visual Thinking Strategies From the Museum to the Library

What’s Going On In This Picture?

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Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS)
What’s going on in this picture?
What do you see that makes you say that?
What more can we find?
Ultimately, information literate people are those who have learned how to learn. They know how to learn because they know how knowledge is organized, how to find information, and how to use information in such a way that others can learn from them.”*

VTS
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Critical thinking skills developed from
• Evidence supported observations
• Inferences based on observations
• Considering multiple inferences
• Revising
• Elaborating

*American Library Association Presidential Committee on Information Literacy (January 10, 1989, Washington, D.C.)
Resource List

The Visual Thinking Strategies website, http://www.vtshome.org/, is a very helpful resource. Many of the articles includes here are available in the research section of the VTS homepage, which also includes instructional videos and training resources.


Thank you!

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