OBserve

Take a few moments to look quietly at this painting. What do you notice?

RESPOND

What do you think the figures in the painting are doing? How can you tell?

CONNECT

If you were going to make a work of art that showed something from your everyday life, what would you choose? What is something you do every day?

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ABOUT THIS ARTIST

“...The human subject is the most important thing. My work is abstract in the sense of having been designed and composed, but it is not abstract in the sense of having no human content.”

— Jacob Lawrence

ABOUT THIS WORK OF ART

In “Children at Play,” painted in Harlem, Lawrence shows an everyday city scene. With bright, primary colors and flattened forms, the painting shows a group of young girls playing Squares, a game similar to hopscotch. The faces of the children are similar to African masks. Lawrence was inspired by the people he saw around him in Harlem, and he often depicted everyday scenes in his community.

CREATE

For more information and activity suggestions about this painting:

TEACHING PACKET  ART AT HOME ACTIVITY

MUSEUM INFORMATION

THE MUSEUM IS FREE TO VISIT. It’s open on weekends and late on Thursday nights. Have you ever been to an art museum? What was your favorite work of art that you saw there?

A man named Alfred Heber Holbrook started the Georgia Museum of Art. He donated 100 paintings to start our collection. Now we have about 18,000 objects, including paintings, drawings, sculptures and even furniture. What do you collect?

Holbrook believed in the idea of “art for everyone.” He used to put paintings in the trunk of his car. Then he would drive all over the state to share them with anyone who crossed his path. How do you share your art with your school and community?