

Virgin Forest

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Theme: Animals and their habitats

Do you like it? Why or why not?

What feelings does the artwork give? Real or imaginary? It is simple or complicated? Harsh or gentle? Serious or silly? Lonely or friendly? Scary? Welcome or distant? Childlike or sophisticated?

How does the artist create the feelings? Lines? Shapes? Color? Balance? Repetition?

How does the artist use color, shape and lines to make your eyes travel around the painting to see the rest of the scene?

What are the feelings of energy you sense in this artwork? Moving or still? Fast or slow? Heavy or light? Calm or exciting? Aggressive or passive? Busy or lazy? Lively or tired? Tense or relaxed?

How does the artist create the feelings of energy? Through lines? Shape? Color?

Explain that horizontal and vertical lines create a sense of calm while diagonal lines create a sense of movement. Do you see any movement? Where?

Is there a color that is used the most? How many different shades or tints of the color do you see? Are there surprises in the color?

How do the colors affect the mood? Are the colors bright or dark? Sunny or stormy? Loud or quiet? Happy or sad?

Do the colors balance the artwork?

Picture the painting without the sun. How does it change the balance of the artwork?

Point out the things you see. Do you see an animal? (Leopard) Are there any other animals? What kind of plants do you see?

Where would this scene exist? What country?

Notice the shadows. Why would the artist do that? What is the artist trying to tell us?

Do you think the color the artist chose is a good one? Why or why not?

Is this a picture of a whole scene or part of a scene? How did the artist give you that indication? What would be surrounding the scene that is not included?

What else could be in the scene but is hidden from the view?

Can you make up a story about this work?

Animal

Is it female or male?

What is the animal doing?

What is the animal looking at?

Is it hungry?

How would a leopard survive in the forest? What tools did nature give the leopard to survive? What are the dangers or the enemies of the leopard?

How does a leopard help the environment? How does it harm it?