Reading Art Like a Text Using the L.E.A.P. Strategy- K-2
(look, Evaluate, Analyze, Produce)

**Step 1: 30 Second Look**
Take 30 seconds to capture your initial thought(s) about the work of art. Turn and talk to a partner about what you saw during your 30 second glance. Be prepared to share whole group.

**Step 2: Learning Task**
Last night someone broke into the museum and mixed up all of the art descriptors. “Oh no!” cried the Museum Curator, “We have 1000 students coming tomorrow to analyze all descriptors for true facts. They need this information to complete their class projects. Can you help the curator? Using your L.E.A.P. Strategy quadrant, use words to create a shape story of any object of your choosing to help the Museum Curator locate the descriptor for your work of art. You can imitate one of the examples or select one on your own.
### Step 3: L.E.A.P Strategy

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<th><strong>Look:</strong> Look quietly and closely to mentally organize all that you see. Draw images to show your initial thoughts about what is happening in the art.</th>
<th><strong>Evaluate:</strong> What do you think this sculpture is about and what makes you say that? What message do you think the artist is trying to tell? Using your 5 senses, use the prompt below to help hold your thinking.</th>
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| Look quietly and closely to mentally organize all that you see. Draw images to show your initial thoughts about what is happening in the art. | I see  
[Eye]  
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| | I smell  
[Nose]  
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| | I taste  
[Lips]  
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| | I feel  
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| | I hear  
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<th><strong>Analyze:</strong> What does it mean to be a good friend? How did the artist use the art to support the title? How do you know that? What might be happening beyond the scene? Where does the story go next? What clues make you say that?</th>
<th><strong>Produce:</strong> Using your 5 senses, imagine that you are trapped inside the sculpture. What can you see, smell, touch, taste, and feel. Use the artwork as evidence and write 5-8 words to support your thinking.</th>
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| What does it mean to be a good friend? How did the artist use the art to support the title? How do you know that? What might be happening beyond the scene? Where does the story go next? What clues make you say that? | A stick  
grass  
fur  
a man  
growls |

What are your final thoughts about the story the artist is telling?

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**Step 4: Revisit the Learning Task**

Using your L.E.A.P. Strategy quadrant, use words to create a shape story of any object of your choosing to help the Museum Curator locate the descriptor for your work of art. You can imitate one of the examples or select one on your own.

Note that one modification for this task is to give students a shape with lines and have them write directly on the lines.

**Step 5: Closing**

Share your shape story with a partner to compare notes. Listen as your teacher reads the true museum description for the work of art that you observed. How close did your shape story match to the story the artist wanted to tell? What makes you say that? What would you change about your literacy object now that you have some background information?