HAVE CONVERSATIONS HERE

You are welcome to talk and have conversations here at the museum. We encourage you to use the galleries throughout the museum as spaces for dialogue, while always remaining respectful of all visitors.

Explore together, look closely, and find a place within the museum to sit and talk about what you see and experience.

- Share your views.
- Ask questions.
- Listen with care.

EXPLORE THE GALLERIES

Consider visiting artworks on view that more directly explore some of the politically- and socially-engaged issues you might hear on the news and experience in your own neighborhood or community.

- **Memory Unearthed** (on view beginning October 27)
  Floor 2M, Jubitz Center for Modern & Contemporary Art

- **BETWEEN** (open through October 14)
  Floor 4, Jubitz Center for Modern & Contemporary Art

- **For Freedoms banners** (on view October 1 - November 6)
  Exterior Sculpture Plaza

This guide includes a few suggestions to spark thinking and conversation. We hope you find moments during and after your visit to reflect and engage in dialogues based in respect, healing, and understanding.

WHY DIALOGUE?

Dialogue is a powerful mode of conversation that genuinely seeks mutual understanding. It can occur between friends, co-workers, family members, and even among strangers. And it can certainly occur between people who do not share the same experiences, perspectives, or ideas. Learning to listen carefully and disagree respectfully are essential skills in today’s world.

RELECTION

If you’ve used this guide to spark any conversations with others—whether during or after your visit to the museum—think about any insights you’ve gained and how you might extend this experience.

- **Have you noticed anything new about yourself and how you view the world?**
- **How might these conversations help you better understand someone else’s perspective?**
- **How might you create more opportunities for reflection and dialogue?**

- **Share your views.**
- **Ask questions.**
- **Listen with care.**
TALKING & LISTENING STRATEGIES FOR FAMILIES

Talking about difficult topics with kids can be challenging. Children are curious and constantly ask questions about the world around them. In one breath, they might ask about a range of topics — from the weather to something they heard on the news. Whether at home, in the car, or here at the museum, it can be difficult to know how respond when difficult questions come up.

To help support these types of conversations here at the museum for all ages, we wanted to offer a few flexible suggestions. These strategies might also help your family talk together about some of the socially- or politically-relevant artworks you might encounter during your visit to the museum.

Adapted from “Talking with Kids about the News,” a resource for parents available online at pbs.org/parents/talkingwithkids/news

**Start by finding out what your child knows.** When a difficult issue comes up, ask an open-ended question like “What have you heard about it?” This encourages your child to let you know what they are thinking.

**Ask a follow up question.** Depending on your child’s comments, ask another question to get them thinking, such as “Why do you think that happened?” or “What do you think people should do to help?”

**Explain simply.** Give children the information they need to know in a way that makes sense to them. At times, a few sentences are enough.

**Listen and acknowledge.** If a child sees or hears something that might worry and upset them, recognize their feelings and comfort them. This acknowledges your child’s feelings, helps them feel secure, and encourages them to tell you more.

“Talking in museums is one of the things that makes them matter.”

- Adam Gopnik, writer

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

This guide draws from the following projects and resources to develop these strategies to promote active, productive dialogue and reflection. Learn more by visiting the websites listed here:

**PBS – Talking with Kids**
pbs.org/parents/talkingwithkids

**Teaching for Change**
teachingforchange.org

**Teaching Tolerance**
tolerance.org

**The Public Conversation Project**
publicconversations.org

**Ask Big Questions**
askbigquestions.org