



PORTLAND ART MUSEUM

## Guided Visit FAQ Fall 2024

### When are guided visits available?

**Thursdays and Fridays at 10:15, 11:15, and 12:15** October 4 through December 20 except on Free First Thursdays each month and Thanksgiving week.

### Who facilitates the visits?

Learning Guides are paid, college-student interns who are trained by PAM staff to facilitate K-12 student experiences in the Museum. They are current students at Lewis and Clark College, Portland State University, and Reed College.

### For how long will Learning Guides stay with my class?

Guides are available to facilitate **up to 45 minutes**. If you prefer a shorter time, such as 20 – 30 minutes, please let us know in your reservation or when you arrive. Your class is welcome to stay for self-guided time after the tour. However, we ask that you please give space to any guided visits that may be going on.

### What will the visit include?

Guides engage small groups of students in interactive, student-centered experiences with art. Your students will practice close looking and visual analysis, self-reflection and critical thinking, listening and sharing ideas through discussion and activities such as sketching, writing, and movement. Guides are trained in Visual Thinking Strategies in addition to other methods. Guided visits may include time in any current exhibition. Please let us know your preferences and we will do our best to accommodate.

### How should I prepare my students?

- Please review the [Museum Agreements and Expectations](#).
- Let students know that PAM staff are excited to welcome them to the Museum and that their visit will be participatory—not a lecture.
- Before your visit, introduce the exhibitions through resources on the [exhibition webpages](#) and the [Poster Project](#).
- On the day of your visit, **divide students into groups** of 6 - 12 students each before you enter the Museum.
- Please have your students wear nametags, if school policy permits.

**Make your group reservation on the [K-12 Visit webpage](#).**

**Questions? Write to [groups@pam.org](mailto:groups@pam.org).**

**Thank you for bringing your students to the Portland Art Museum!**