FAMILY ART ACTIVITY – Multi Dimensional

Check out these two works of art from the Nasher Museum’s collection!

They are from different cultures and nearly 2,500 years apart, yet have many similarities!

(top left) Ellen Lanyon, *Horse and Riders*, 1965. Oil on Canvas, 90 x 70 inches (228.6 x 177.8 cm). Collection of the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA. Gift of Roland Ginzel, 2014.15.2 © Ellen Lanyon

(top right) *Rider and Team Figurine*, Boeotian (Greek), 6th century BCE. Terracotta, 5 x 3 3/8 x 2 1/8 inches (12.5 x 8.5 x 5.5 cm). Collection of the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA. Gift of Barbara Newborg, M.D., from the collection of Walter Kempner, M.D., 2006.1.125

While these works of art were created thousands of years and thousands of miles apart, they both feature a similar scene – a performer standing on horseback! The painting is two-dimensional, while the sculpture is three-dimensional.

Activity:

For this activity, you will use Play-Doh, homemade play-dough (recipe here: [https://tinkerlab.com/rainbow-play-dough/](https://tinkerlab.com/rainbow-play-dough/)), modeling clay, or whatever you can find – even masking tape or aluminum foil will work!

Visit the Nasher’s e-Museum and look specifically at paintings in the collection: [https://emuseum.nasher.duke.edu/categories/classifications/Painting](https://emuseum.nasher.duke.edu/categories/classifications/Painting). Choose a painting that features a subject that interests you and that you could make a three-dimensional model out of the material you chose above.

If you don’t have internet access, you can choose an image you find around your house – it could art on the wall or a picture from a book, magazine, or advertisement.

Now, sculpt a small three-dimensional figurine inspired by the subject of the painting you chose.