

A 5-step ekphrasis exercise in DOMA

Ekphrasis (ECK-fra-sis): a Greek literary term for a detailed description of a work of art.

Although you can engage in ekphrasis with any of our pieces, the exercise below was created for Right Bird Left by Lee Krasner.



01. Observe

Stare at the painting for five minutes with no distractions. What do you notice?

02. Reflect

Pick three key words or doodles that continued to pop out during your observation.

03. Music

What song comes to mind from your three reflection key words or drawings?

04. Comparison

Scan the QR code the museum provides. Does your song reflect the painting more, or does ours?

05. Lesson

What can you take away today from your observations and reflections?
