



Visual Treasure Hunt - Young People

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A Willow Grows Aslant the Brook

The New Art Gallery Walsall, Floor 3

Hello! I hope you enjoy looking at these paintings. I have designed a route around the galleries with some things to look out for. Of course, you can choose to look at art however you like - these questions are just suggestions to think about. And there are no wrong answers. Have fun! – Anj Smith (artist)

GALLERY 1 (long gallery)

S.O.S.

Can you see red dots and dashes 'written in the lipstick' in the foreground? It spells S.O.S. Do you know what that means?

Source, Sender, Channel, Message

In the bottom right of this painting, there is an albatross. An albatross can circumnavigate the globe without putting its feet down. True or false?

Landscape with Lagerstätte

If you look carefully, can you see the fabric pieces appear to be stitched together? The prints are from various fashion brands. Do you like fashion? Why is that?

Landscape with Deep Void

Imagine that you're looking at the aftermath of an environmental catastrophe. Who do you think has assembled these objects together? (Remember, there are no wrong answers!)

Night Haul

In these drawings, you might be able to find a feather, an ice lolly and some berries. What else can you see?

Rhinoceros

The person in this painting has their hair tied up to look a bit like the horn of a rhino. What is your favourite hairstyle & why?

GALLERY 2 (left of lifts)

This Vegetable Universe

There are seven different creatures in this figure's dentistry! The first is a pelican. Can you determine any others?

Cosmic Call

Can you make out the old-fashioned telephone motif in the fragment of fabric? Who do you most like to chat to, or text? Why is that?

Wreath

Sometimes a wreath can be celebratory, and sometimes used for sad occasions. Can a work of art talk about more than one thing at a time?

Nightclubber

Can you see any tiny silver ants in this work? They are great survivors. They have worked out how to survive in the extreme heat of the Sahara Desert. Why do you think they have been included in this work?

GALLERY 3 (central space)

Wheft

In this painting, there is not much growing. Maybe you can see flowers on the fabric instead? Can you see the geometric shapes cut into the ground?

False Steward

Did you know that ladybirds come in different colours? This type (on the bottom right-hand side) is called a Harlequin ladybird. You might see a harlequin, a type of clown, in historical paintings – true or false?

Night in May

What does the moon make you think of?

Landscapes of Arboreality

Can you spot the tiger towards the middle of the painting? What is your favourite detail? Why is that?

Names of the Hare

The paint is very thick in parts of the hare's fur. If you are painting, can you paint in any way you like? Are there rules?

(Untitled) Mayday

If you look very closely, you might be able to see a lizard, a frog and a turtle, suspended in frozen orbs. Some clever animals can freeze solid and then unfreeze again when they decide to – true or false?

Lost in Time

Here a bedraggled palm-frond has been carefully rescued. What do you do to take care of the environment?

GALLERY 4 (corner gallery)

Echo's Annex

Here are three drawings of a caterpillar, a chrysalis and a moth. These works don't have to be hung in any order and there are three different species here. Does art have to stick to the facts?

The Deliquescence

The big fish in this work actually looks like this, with a belly that extends. Can you see the ring painted inside? It is in the V&A Museum in London. Do you have a favourite piece of jewellery or accessory?

Flowerings of the Chocolate Cosmos

There is a reddish pink flower trapped under the ice – can you find it? In real life these flowers actually smell of chocolate -true or false?

The Lover

In this painting, the lipstick is dark purple. That is my favourite colour. What's yours? Why is that? What does that colour make you think of?