

## PUBLIC ART AROUND YOU!



**P**ublic art is art in any media whose form, function and meaning are created for the general public through a public process. It is a specific art genre with its own professional and critical discourse. Public art is visually and physically accessible to the public; it is installed in public space in both outdoor and indoor settings. Public art seeks to embody public or universal concepts rather than commercial, partisan, or personal concepts and interests. Notably, public art is also the direct or indirect product of a public process of creation, procurement, and/or maintenance. Public funds are often given from taxpayer money to support the creation of public art projects.

### LEARNING STANDARDS:

**Visual Arts 11:** Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.

**Visual Arts Cn 11.1.8:** Distinguish different ways art is used to represent, establish, reinforce, and reflect group identity.

**Economics 3.6-8.2:** Analyze the role of government in the economy of Washington state through taxation, spending, and policy setting in the past or present.

### MATERIALS:

Notebook / Sketchbook

Camera (optional)

Pen / Pencil

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Gather your materials and explore your neighborhood, community gathering points, parks, city center, in search of public art!
2. Take a photo or make a quick sketch of the artwork and take notes. In the notes jot down the title, artist, and any other information you can find.
3. Look at any wall signage and see who paid to complete the public art piece.
  - Was it a commission?
  - Was it a paid for by local government or private donors?
  - Was it made to commemorate a person, event, or place?
  - Write down your answers on the same page as your sketch.
4. Create a mini presentation of your sketch and share what you learned about the public art piece in front of your class. Send in a picture of your sketches or a collection of your photos to [junioreurator@museumofglass.org](mailto:junioreurator@museumofglass.org) to work towards your Junior Curator status!