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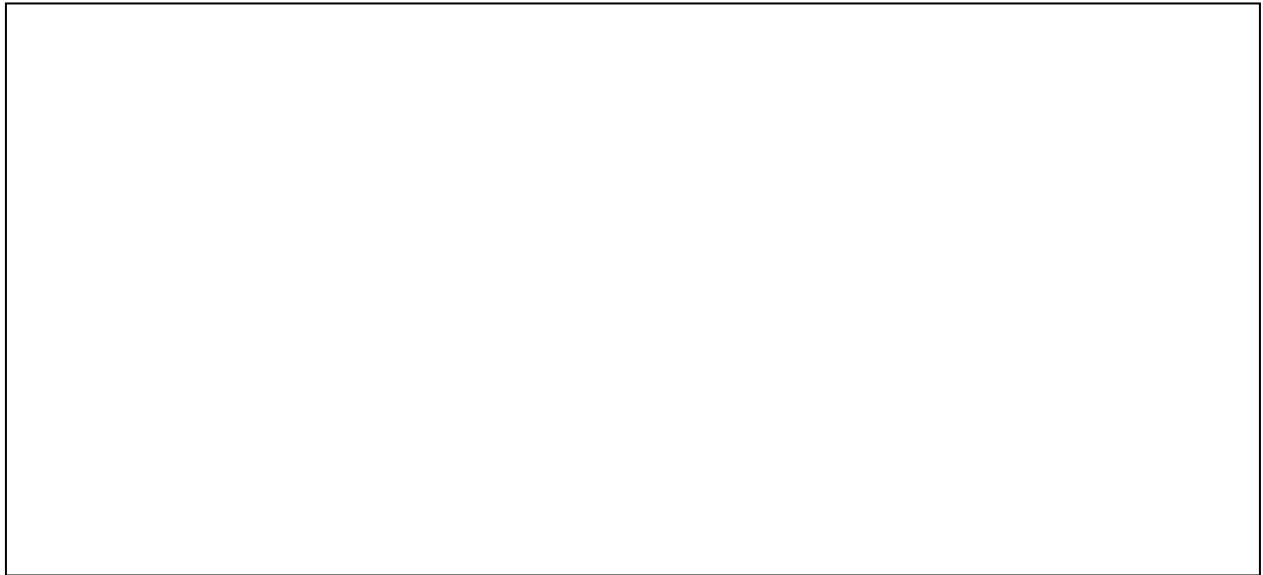
## Writing Activities for the Museum Galleries

*Clipboards and pencils are available at the front desk  
Schedule your visit by calling (231) 995-1029*

### ACTIVITY #1

Stand at the entrance to the gallery by yourself. Clear your mind. Let yourself be drawn into the gallery. Wander where your feet take you until you are drawn to a work of art.

Draw a sketch of the artwork here:



What do you see? Describe the work in words here (stick to your observations only, do not make any judgments yet). What shapes, lines, colors, textures, and forms do you see?

How does this work make you feel? Make sure to back up how you feel with the reason (what you see).

What do you think is going on in this work of art? Make sure to reference the visual clues you observed.

Do you like this work? Why or why not? Make sure to reference the visual clues you observed.

## **ACTIVITY #2**

Stand or sit in front of another work that draws your attention. For five minutes, do a free-write of everything that comes to mind when you look at the piece, every descriptive word, every story, any and everything that comes to mind. At the end of the five minutes, cross out half of your words, finding the most essential words to represent the piece. Cross out half of the words again and again until you are left with 10-15 words. Share your responses with the group.

## **ACTIVITY #3**

Continue this statement, while writing about another piece that drew your attention.

The other night I had the strangest dream...