Explorer Station

Things to Do without a Pencil

Drop those pencils and notebooks and talk about what you see. Wander to an exhibit gallery—any gallery—and use one or two of these games to share your thoughts with others in your group as you explore!

1 Three-Word I SPY
Choose a secret object to spy, and describe it to someone else in 3 words. Example: I spy something . . . small, round, and jingly!
First person to find your object is the winner.

2 Get Lost!
Get lost with someone else in your group, and explore some hidden corners. Go as far as you want to, then find the object you like most in that space. Why do you like it? What do you know about it? What can you learn about it?

3 Old and New, Small and Big
Walk, walk, walk, then stop! Look around you, and find the oldest and newest objects. Or the biggest and smallest objects. Or the shiniest. You get the idea . . . Now, what can you learn about your choices?

4 Talking Pictures
Wander a gallery until you find a picture or setting that shows more than one person. Give a few of the characters names, and imagine what they are talking about. What are they saying to each other? What might happen next?

5 Thirty-Second Snapshot
Choose an object—any object. Then study it closely for 30 seconds. Now, close your eyes. How much can you remember about that object? Look again; how did you do?

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