



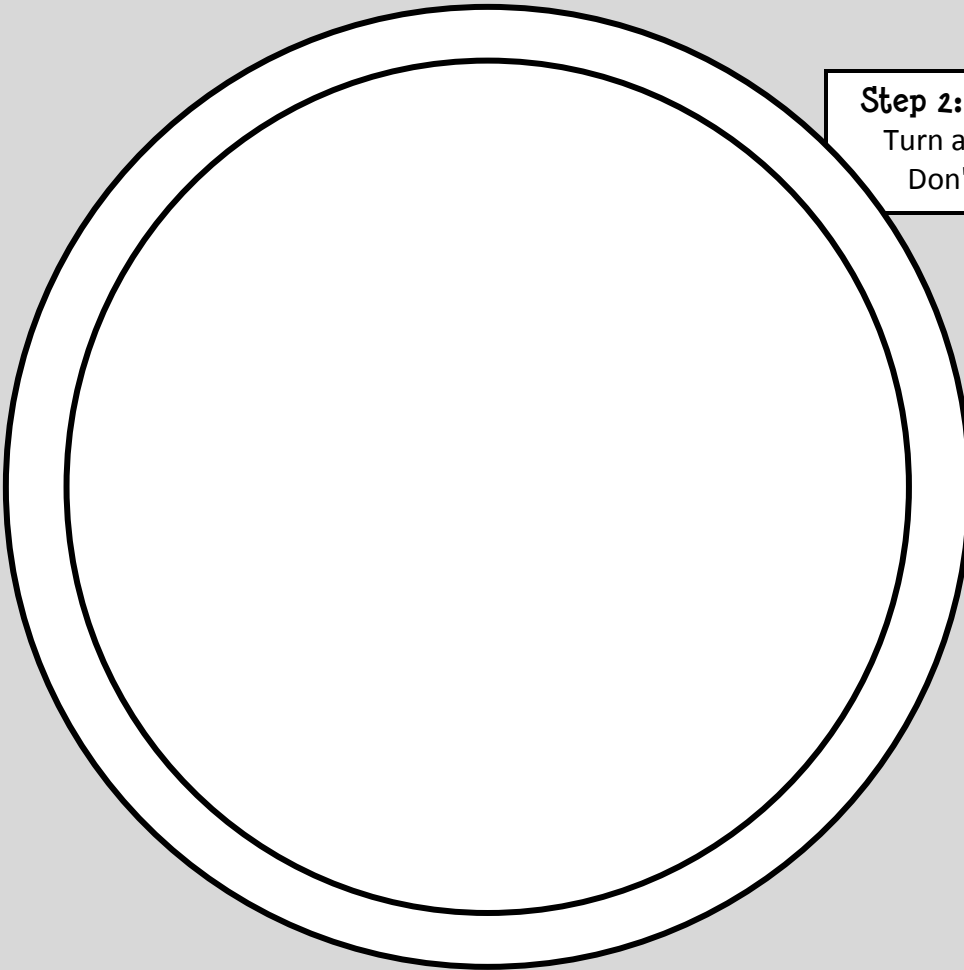
30 Second Search

The average time spent looking at an object in a museum is half a minute.

Do you think you can completely analyze an artifact after 30 seconds?
Let's test this theory!

Step 1: Investigate the Mural

Spend 30 seconds looking at the Mural on the floor of the Museum's lobby.



Step 2: Record your observations

Turn away from the Mural and draw everything you remember into the circle.
Don't peek!

Step 3: Interpret the Mural

What do you think the message of the image is? What are some of the details from the image that support your answer?

Who was the intended audience for the Mural?

How does this image help you better understand the Museum and what you might see in the exhibits?

What questions does this image raise in your mind?



Let's Take Another Look

This time, spend 2-3 minutes investigating the Mural.

Did you find the two artifacts embedded into the Mural? What are they and why do you think they are there? Ask a staff member if you need help with your artifact search.

Is there anything in your drawing that isn't actually in the Mural?

Are there details in the Mural that you didn't remember after 30 seconds?

Now that you have more time to investigate the Mural, does it change your idea of the intended message?

Circle Any Details Not In Your Drawing:



Conclusion:

Interpreting and discovering meaning from artifacts takes more than thirty seconds. Make sure to take time to make careful observations and ask questions about the artifacts on display in the exhibits so that you can understand their significance.

