

# Basic Components of the Visual Thinking Strategy

(Visual Thinking Strategies: Terra Foundation for American Art with Philip Yenawine)

## A Moment of Silent Looking

### Asking Questions

- What is going on in this picture?
- What did you see that makes you say that?
- What more can you find?

### Acknowledging Responses

- Point and be physically expressive
- Paraphrase each person's response
- Remain open and accepting of each comment
- Link ideas, both agreements and disagreements
- Link throughout instead of summarizing at the end
- Close with comments on the process



March in Montana, By Gennie DeWeese  
1998,  
Oil Stick on Canvas Scroll, 72x38"  
Museum Purchase (1994.14)

VIDEO: Introduction to VTS: <https://vimeo.com/9827533>

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