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

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

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