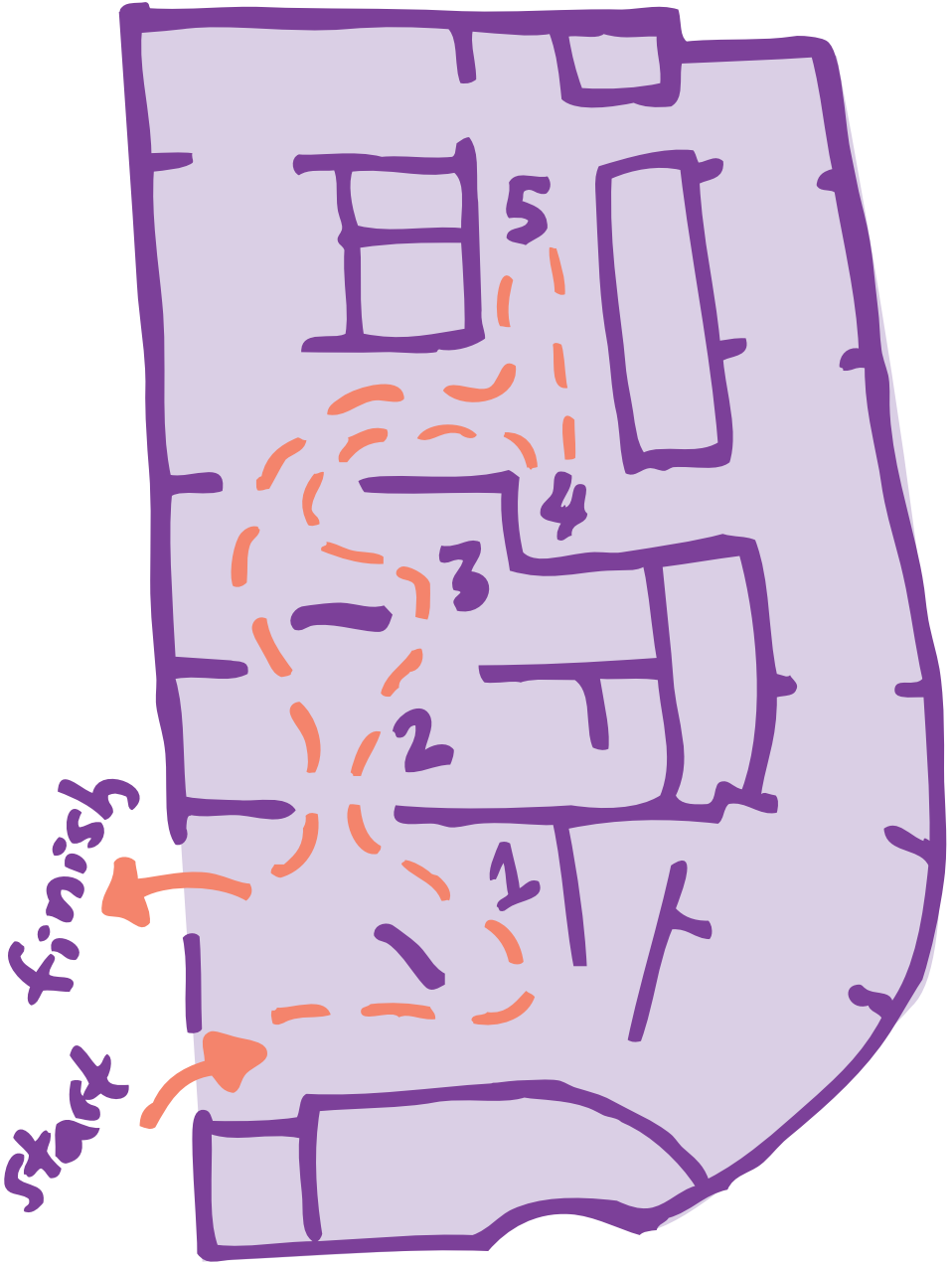


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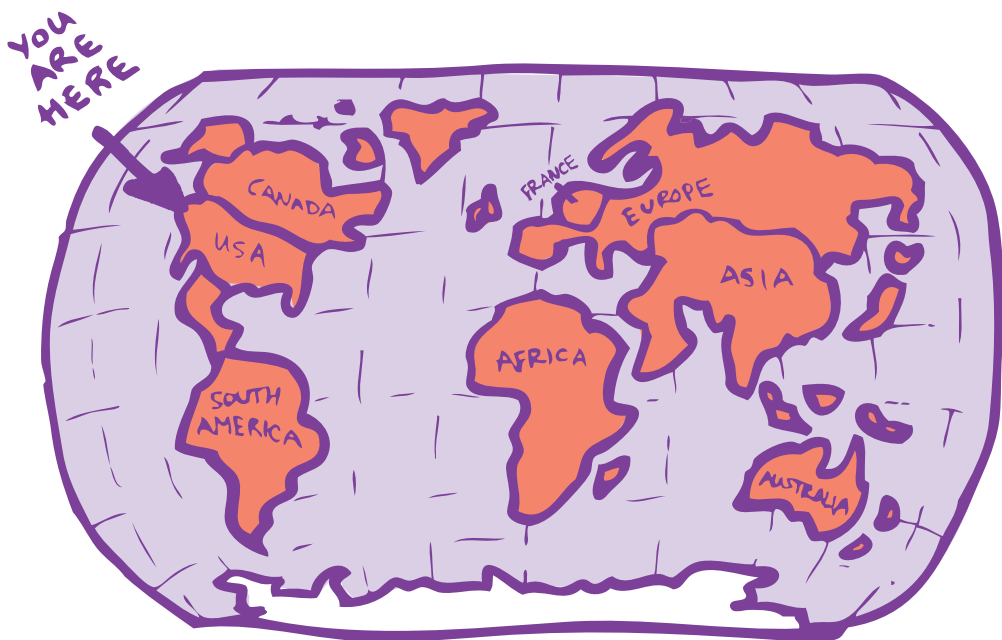
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Art From Around The World

The Centre Pompidou is a world-famous museum in Paris, France. It decided to celebrate great artwork made by women over the last 100 years.

This guide will help you explore works of art from many parts of the world! Are you ready? Let's get started!

The Word Elles Is French.

It is pronounced like the letter L. The S is silent! It means they or them and refers only to women.

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People in different countries say and write the word women differently. Try saying “women” in other languages.

Spanish	ellas	(“Ey-yas”)
Italian	essi	(“Ess-sea”)
Hindi	वे	(“Vee”)
Arabic	هم	(“Hom”)
Japanese	彼女ら	(“Kah-no-joh-rah”)

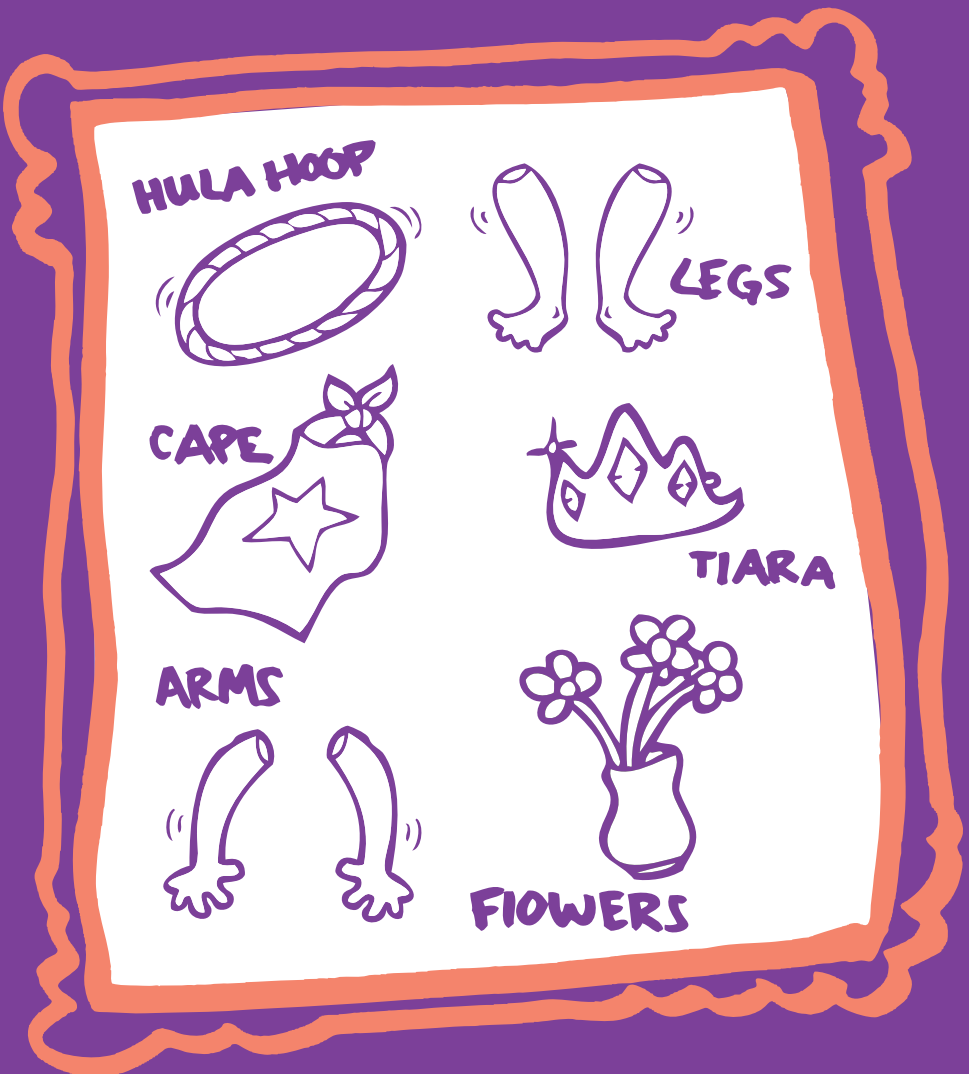
Activity 1

Taking Chances!

The art in this room is made by women who were not afraid to try new things. They are called Avant-Garde artists which means “before their time” in French. Some people call them innovators or pioneers.

Maria Blanchard was a Spanish painter and an Avant-Garde artist. Her artwork is unique because she made pictures of people out of shapes like squares and triangles. Some people say her artwork reminds them of Pablo Picasso’s style! They were both called Cubists because they made paintings that are like looking through a cracked window or kaleidoscope.

Can you find Blanchard’s painting called *Sois Sage* which means “be good.” Look closely and circle the following items when you find them.

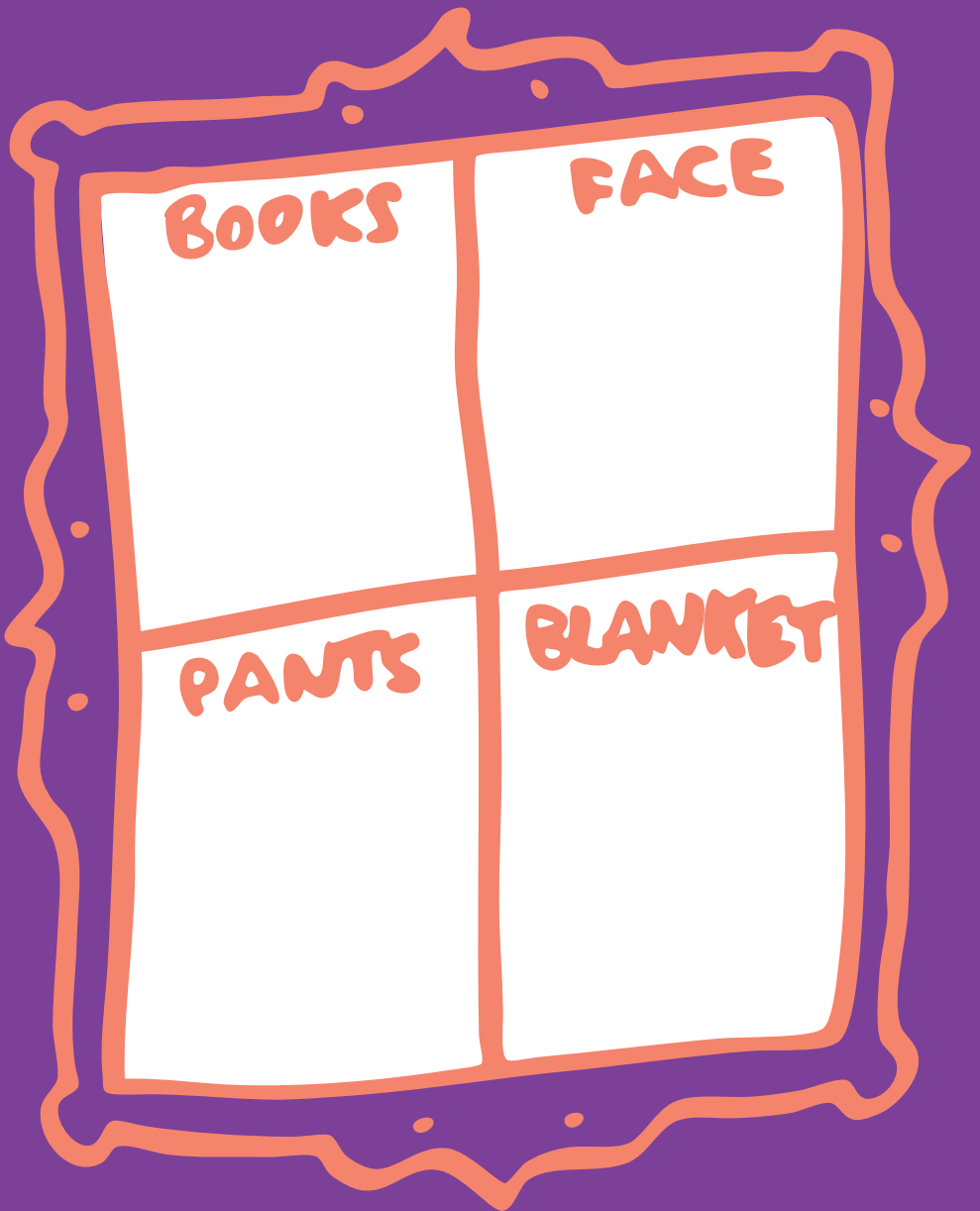


Activity 2

Girl Power!

Many artists throughout history wanted the world to know that women and girls can be smart and powerful. Back when this painting was made (1923), it was considered unusual for women to be seen in public wearing pants. Believe it or not, pants were a symbol of power.

Find the painting called *La Chambre Bleue*, which means “The Blue Room” by artist Suzanne Valadon. Look closely and draw details from the painting.



Activity 3

Is Something Weird Here?

In the early 1920s, many artists made dream-like art where your mind plays tricks on you and strange things can happen. These artists were called Surrealists. Let your imagination run free as you search for these cool paintings or photographs!

Find the painting that explodes with red, yellow and blue
It's surrounded by wild flowers and tropical birds, too!
In a woman's hair a flower lies
There is something interesting above her eyes!

TITLE: T _ _ _ F _ _ _ _

ARTIST: Frida Kahlo

Can you find the painting of a family meal?
The table is set and a dog sits on his heels
There are lots of strange details to notice
Up-close and from afar
In fact, the size of the dad looks very bizarre.

TITLE: O r _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ a F _ _ _ _ _

ARTIST: Dorothea Tanning

Find a sea shell that lies on white sand
It includes something that rhymes with band and land

TITLE: u _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (n _ s _ _ _ _)

ARTIST: Dora Maar

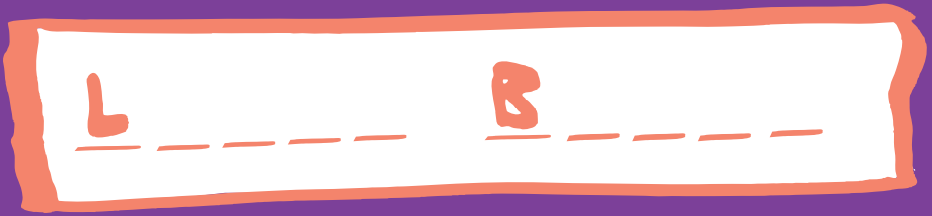
answer key is on the last panel!

Activity 4

Imagine That!

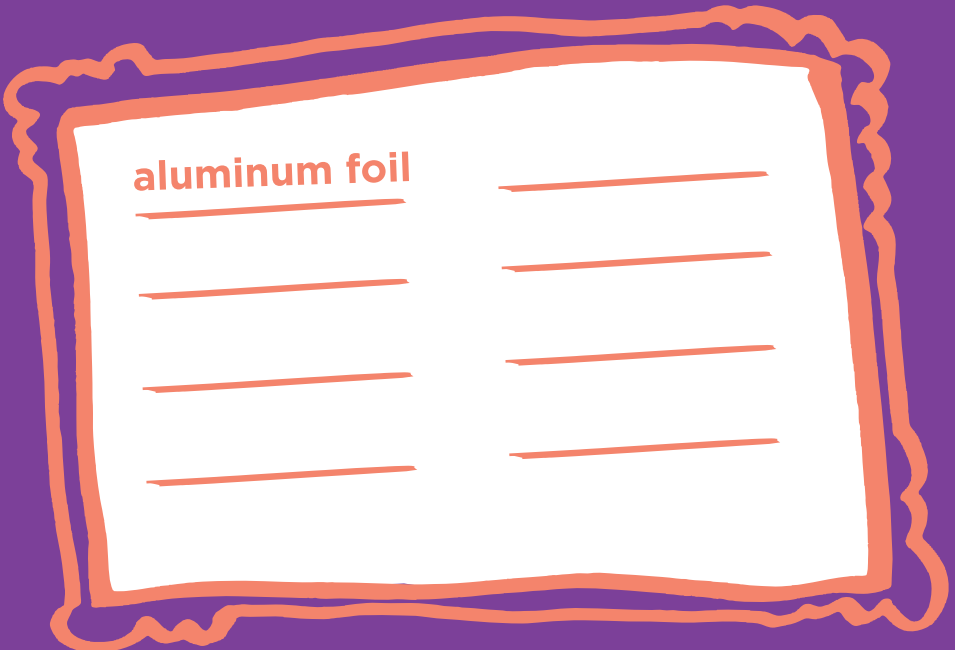
Art can be made from anything. Including fabric, aluminum, boxes and even bubble gum!!

Can you find Atsuko Tanaka's sculpture? Believe it or not, the artist wanted a person to wear it, like a bright blinking Kimono (a Kimono is a Japanese dress!) What is it made of?



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What's the most creative costume you've ever seen or worn? List all the crazy materials you can think of to design a costume!



aluminum foil _____

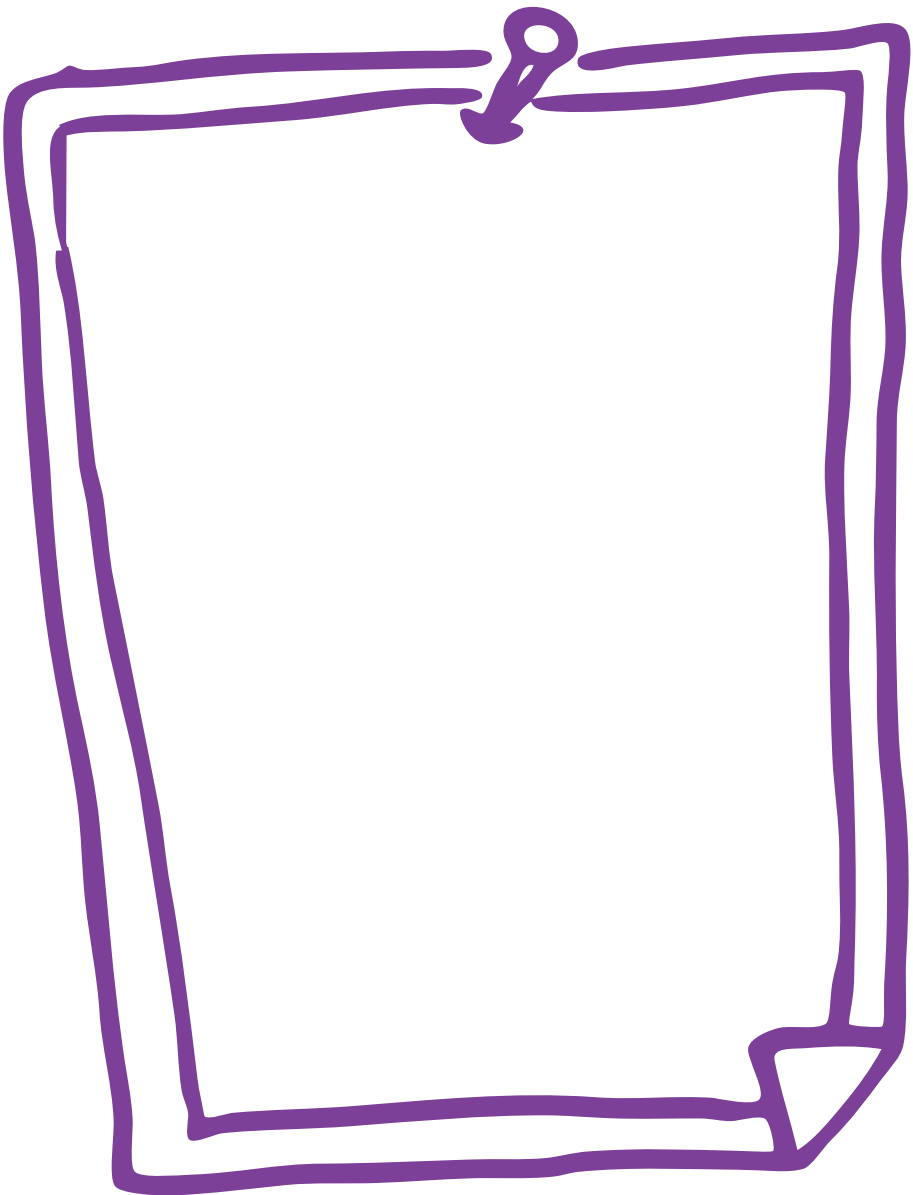
Activity 5

Muses Making A Difference

What is a muse? It was a title given to Greek goddesses or a beautiful woman who inspired art and creativity. Today, a muse can be any person, place or thing.

Find the large yellow poster designed by an artist group called The Guerrilla Girls. They are a team of artists who make artwork about women artists and people of color. They keep their identities secret by covering their faces with masks.

It's your turn to become a Guerrilla Girl or muse! Design a poster about something important to you.



What Did You Learn?

Remember the words and ideas you've learned today. Search and find them below.

AVANT GARDE

DEUX

ELLES

FAMILY

FRENCH

GIRL

MUSE

PORTRAIT


POWER

SURREALIST

WOMAN

I S W O M A N N H W H C B A E
W C U D J P U U X H Y U I V Z
G U E R I L L A G I R L S A A
H U G Z R A I M K V S O S N D
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E A K S A V R Y G Y K B R F W M G
I P E E Z Z G J H Y Y K B E W Y S G
V D W B R F I V Y K R G R U O D

Thank You

We hope your visit to the Seattle Art Museum was fun! To see more artwork by women, visit the Third Floor for the exhibition called *Singular Works by Seminal Women Artists* or look for this symbol throughout the museum: 

DIY: Do It Yourself

Create your own work of art! The Chase Open Studio on the big staircase near the Hammering Man entrance (1st Avenue and University) is filled with all kinds of creative supplies for you to use!

Answer Key

Activity 3: *The Frame; Portrait of a Family; Untitled, (hand shell)*

Word Search



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