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Links to books, read aloud videos, and other resources

General

Artful Thinking is a program of Project Zero at Harvard University that is part of their “Visible Thinking” project. This website introduces “thinking routines” that can be used by K-12 educators to promote higher level thinking with students and the arts. These “thinking routines” are a series of questions to develop different kinds of thinking, and are listed here: http://pzartfulthinking.org/?page_id=2

Women Artists: The Art of Story

Wordless picture books:

Journey by Aaron Becker

Book trailer and video with the author - <https://www.storybreathing.com/journey/>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Journey-Aaron-Beckers-Wordless-Trilogy/dp/0763660531>

The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2YclMPno3k>

Jerry Pinkney discusses the book - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iptWPwWbwgM>

Link to the book on Amazon- <https://www.amazon.com/Lion-Mouse-Jerry-Pinkney/dp/0316013560>

Mr. Wuffles! by David Wiesner

Read aloud on Epic - <https://www.getepic.com/video/69960783/mr-wuffles>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Mr-Wuffles-Caldecott-Medal-Winning/dp/0618756612>

Flotsam by David Wiesner

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MTKWnxzqvM>

Link to the book on Amazon-

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=flotsam&i=stripbooks&crd=1OLUKR1H1L802&srefix=flotsam%2Cstripbooks%2C89&ref=nb_sb_noss_1

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Building Community, Helping Others

Find out more about settlement houses in the United States by examining and discussing the primary source documents in this online lesson plan developed by the Digital Public Library of America:

<https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/settlement-houses-in-the-progressive-era/teaching-guide>

Discover another settlement house, Hull-House, founded by Jane Addams in Chicago in 1889. Their website shares the history of this important organization as well as educational materials:

<https://www.hullhousemuseum.org>

The Great Migration: An American Story by Jacob Lawrence:

Link to the print copy of the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Jacob-Lawrence-Migration-Elizabeth-Alexander/dp/1633450406>

Website dedicated to Lawrence's *The Migration Series* from The Phillips Collection-

<https://lawrencemigration.phillipscollection.org/>

Kahn Academy video of *The Migration Series*-

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/later-europe-and-americas/modernity-ap/v/lawrence-migration-series>

Jake Makes a World, by Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts.

Link to the book on Amazon - https://www.amazon.com/Jake-Makes-World-Lawrence-Artist/dp/0870709658/ref=sr_1_1?crd=N4ZF6HA7A5ME&keywords=jake+makes+a+world&qid=1698085075&s=books&sprefix=jake+makes+a+world%2Cstripbooks%2C77&sr=1-1

Women Artists: Elements of Art

What If by Samantha Berger

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3I73Tck91I>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/What-If-Samantha-Berger/dp/0316390968>

Follow the Line by Laura Ljungkvist

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=zOmsfNzvvRY>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Follow-Line-Laura-Ljungkvist/dp/0670060496>

Lines that Wiggle by Candace Whitman

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1I03hHWGhM>

Link to the book on Amazon - https://www.amazon.com/Lines-That-Wiggle-Candace-Whitman/dp/193470654X/ref=pd_lpo_sccl_2/140-3851891-

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Niko Draws a Feeling by Robert Raczka

Link to the book on Amazon -

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=niko+draws+a+feeling&i=stripbooks&crd=3T4BJWOSRB5K8&sprefix=niko+draws+a+feeling%2Cstripbooks%2C81&ref=nb_sb_noss_1

The Lives of Immigrants

The Color Collector by Nicholas Solis

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYYDYKglIt0>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Color-Collector-Nicholas-Solis/dp/1534111050>

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rLlyFs8eIM>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Day-You-Begin-Jacqueline-Woodson/dp/0399246533>

Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan

Read aloud with the author - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Yc4gyTyXJQ>

Read aloud on PBS (starts at 6:37) - <https://www.pbs.org/video/pk-tk-519-salma-the-syrian-chef-by-danny-ramadan-gcnar1/>

Link to the book on Amazon – <https://www.amazon.com/Salma-Syrian-Chef-Danny-Ramadan/dp/177321375X>

Drita, My Homegirl by Jenny Lombard (for ages 8+)

<https://www.amazon.com/Drita-My-Homegirl-Jenny-Lombard/dp/0142409057>

The Welcome Chair by Rosemary Wells

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Welcome-Chair-Rosemary-Wells/dp/1534429778>

Resources and lesson plans on immigration based on artwork from the National Gallery of Art:

<https://www.nga.gov/learn/teachers/lessons-activities/uncovering-america/immigration-displacement.html>

Standing Up for What You Believe in: Renee Gross's Story

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Overview from the UN - <https://www.ohchr.org/en/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

A kid-friendly introduction to human rights -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7M0banVOMas>

Say Something by Peter Reynolds

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLy2X7CxsVc>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Say-Something-Peter-H-Reynolds/dp/0545865034>

The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade by Christian Robinson

Read aloud - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyL_r83TjoQ

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Smallest-Girl-Grade/dp/0399257438#:~:text=Book%20overview&text=Hardly%20anyone%20noticed%20you>

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Sometimes People March by Tessa Allen

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmKtRxnLyX4>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Sometimes-People-March-Tessa-Allen/dp/0062991183>

It's Your World by Chelsea Clinton

Link to the book on Amazon - [https://www.amazon.com/Its-Your-World-Informed-](https://www.amazon.com/Its-Your-World-Informed-Inspired/dp/0399176128/ref=sr_1_1?crd=35RJ8ZZX5KQI8&keywords=its+your+world+chelsea)

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[+clinton&qid=1698159853&s=books&sprefix=its+your+world+chelsea%2Cstripbooks%2C82&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Its-Your-World-Informed-Inspired/dp/0399176128/ref=sr_1_1?crd=35RJ8ZZX5KQI8&keywords=its+your+world+chelsea)

Big Dreams, Small Fish by Paula Cohen

Introduction from the author - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mz9do6M_4T0

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwAq71SO70I>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Dreams-Small-Fish-Paula-Cohen/dp/1646141261>

Letters from Rifke by Karen Hesse

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Letters-Rifka-Karen-Hesse/dp/0312535619>

Creative Expression in Sculpture

A Life Made by Hand: The Story of Ruth Asawa by Andrea D'Aquino

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3439RvrV9iA>

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Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Life-Made-Hand-Story-Asawa/dp/1616898364>

Cloth Lullaby: The Woven Life of Louise Bourgeois by Amy Novesky

Read aloud with the author - <https://vimeo.com/406040911>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Cloth-Lullaby-Woven-Louise-Bourgeois/dp/1419718819>

The Amazing Collection of Joey Cornell by Candace Fleming

Read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duaVu3kYCcs>

Link to the book on Amazon - <https://www.amazon.com/Amazing-Collection-Joey-Cornell-Childhood/dp/0399552383>

Watch Chaim Gross carve a portrait sculpture of Renee out of wood in the video, "From Tree Trunk to Head:" <https://vimeo.com/159503777>