



Tips & Activities for Volunteers in Art-related Youth Programs

1. Ask a question
2. Create a song
3. Wear costumes
4. Listen to music
5. Move to a beat
6. Read or tell a story
7. Plan a treasure hunt
8. Introduce a puzzle
9. Recreate an event in a new way
10. Look at a cartoon about an idea
11. Look for something hidden in a picture
12. Play hangman or tic-tac-toe with art words
13. Play hide and seek with objects
14. Make a visit to somewhere — (even if its an imaginary trip or around the building)
15. Create a poem or dance
16. Bring in an object and make as many sounds, lines, or movements with it as you can
17. Make a treasure chest
18. Learn about an artist who has fun (The Art Guys, Jeff Koons, Josiah McElheny)
19. Bring in interesting materials and use them for embellishment
20. See something in a new way
21. Brainstorm ways to do or use something
22. Have regular rewards—they shouldn't involve money---a compliment, a privilege, listening time (ask students what they like)
23. Invite an interesting person to the class
24. Talk about personal experiences
25. Make new stories from old ones
26. Do something good for the community
27. Interview someone in your family or the community
28. Use interesting visuals
29. Visualize "what ifs"
30. Smile a lot
31. Don't be afraid to re-teach
32. Teach in small steps
33. Teach how to work in groups
34. Have fun!
35. Care