

## Art Gallery/Art Criticism Questions for Pre-schoolers

### Color:

1. Which artwork has faces of all different colors? Do the colors look real? Why or why not?
2. Are their colors in other pictures that make you feel happy? Why or why not?
3. Some colors make us feel warm - like we're sitting in the sunshine. Can you find colors like that in any of these paintings? Which ones? Where?
4. Which paintings use the softest colors?
5. Which paintings or artwork use the strongest colors?

### Value:

1. Which artwork has dark places? Can you show me some dark places?
2. Which artwork has light places? Can you show me some light places?
3. Which artworks have dark and light places right next to one another?
4. Which picture is almost all dark? How does it make you feel?

### Line:

1. Can you find some lines that go up and down - the way we do when we stand straight up and tall? Where?
2. Which artwork has lines that look like stripes?
3. Can you find some lines that look like they are lying down? Where?
4. Where did the artist use curved lines? Straight lines? Wavy lines? Show me.
5. Where are some thin lines? Where are some thick lines? Where did the artist use both thick lines and thin lines in the same picture?

### Shape/Form:

1. Where do you see a big blue shape? Can you find a little blue shape in the same picture?
2. Can you find a shape that reminds you of a butterfly? Of a leaf? Of \_\_\_?
3. Which artwork has the shape of an animal (or ?)? What is the animal? Can you find some little animal shapes in the picture too?
4. Which artwork has wiggly shapes?
5. Which artwork has shapes that do not touch?
6. Can you show me a place where there is a shape inside a shape?
7. Which artworks look very round? Which artworks look very flat?

### **Texture:**

1. Which picture shows something that is soft and fuzzy?
2. Which artwork would you like to touch?
3. Touch something in the room that feels the way part of the artwork looks.
4. Which artwork would feel very hard if you could touch them?
5. Find the brushstrokes in \_\_\_\_\_'s painting, and imagine how the painting would feel if you could touch it.

### **Space:**

1. Find a picture where it looks like people are walking on air. Why does it look that way?
2. Which person in the picture looks closest to it? Why? (size)
3. Which artwork shows us inside of a place? How do you know it is inside?
4. Which sculpture looks as if it had holes in it?
5. How do you think the sculpture would look without the holes? Heavier or lighter? More like a person or less like a person?