



cARTie Booklet

**Explore, discuss,
and create!**

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About cARTie

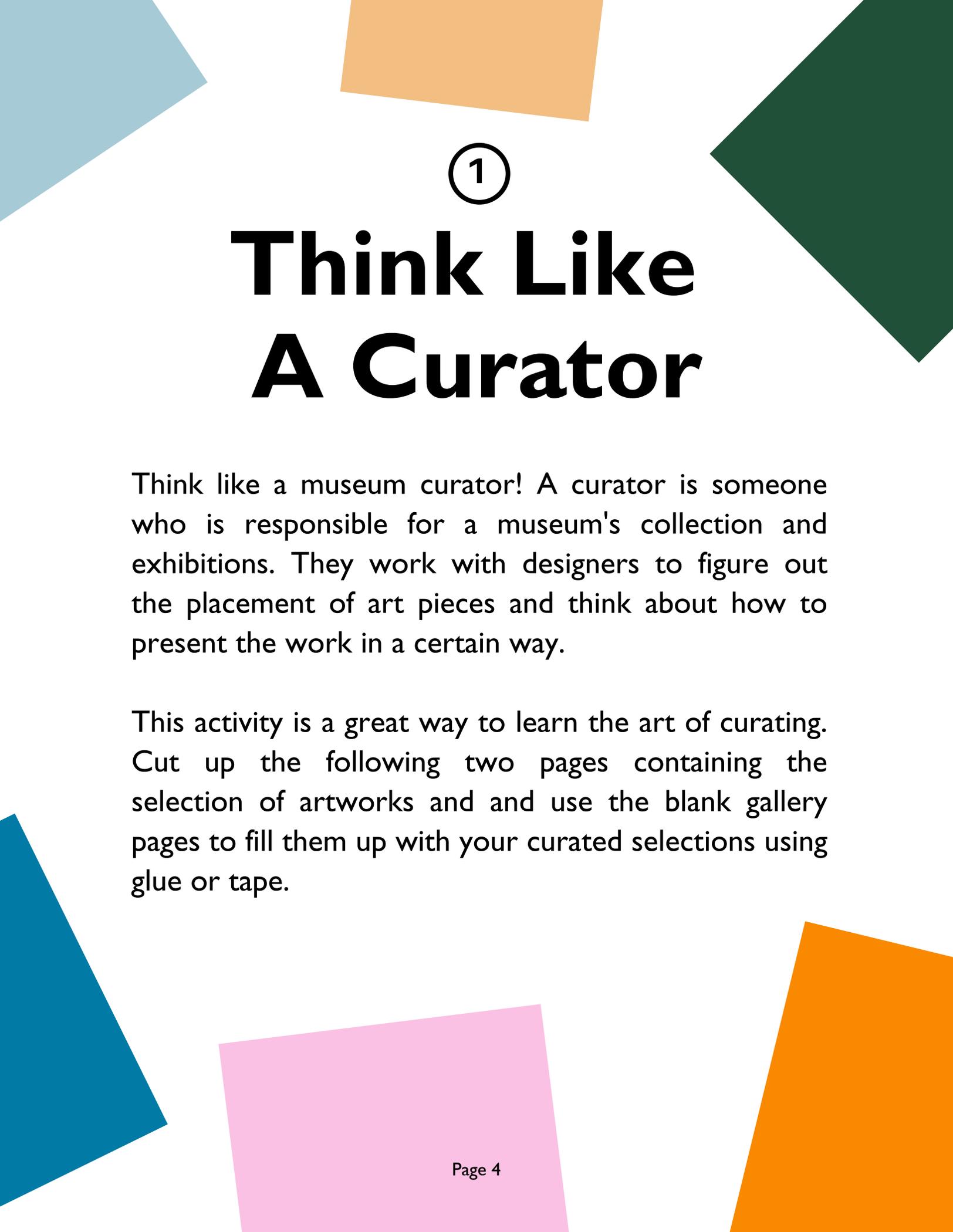
cARTie is CT's first and only nonprofit mobile art museum bus committed to bridging inequities in education and arts access across the state.

One day, cARTie will ensure all 109,000+ PreK-2 students, 1,000s of emerging student-artists, and entire communities within the state will have equitable access to art museum-based learning and develop the critical and creative thinking dispositions so necessary to twenty-first century success.

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About This Booklet

This booklet is designed for children and parents to think creatively and foster discussion through artistic practice and creation. Inside these pages will feature exercises, discussion questions, and many more activities to inspire art-making. We will go through a series of what it means to be curator, an artist, and an artwork. We hope you'll interact creatively with this booklet by drawing in it, tearing it up, and experimenting with ideas in it. We can't wait to see what ideas you have in store!



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Think Like A Curator

Think like a museum curator! A curator is someone who is responsible for a museum's collection and exhibitions. They work with designers to figure out the placement of art pieces and think about how to present the work in a certain way.

This activity is a great way to learn the art of curating. Cut up the following two pages containing the selection of artworks and use the blank gallery pages to fill them up with your curated selections using glue or tape.

Things to Consider!

- Think about a theme, or unifying idea, of the pieces (ex. peace, adventure)
- Select which artworks would best convey the story you're telling
- Explore the layout and composition of your artwork placements (spaced far apart or close together?)



"Choosing a Path" - Jessica Sequeira



"The Dreamer's Words" - Ava Basile



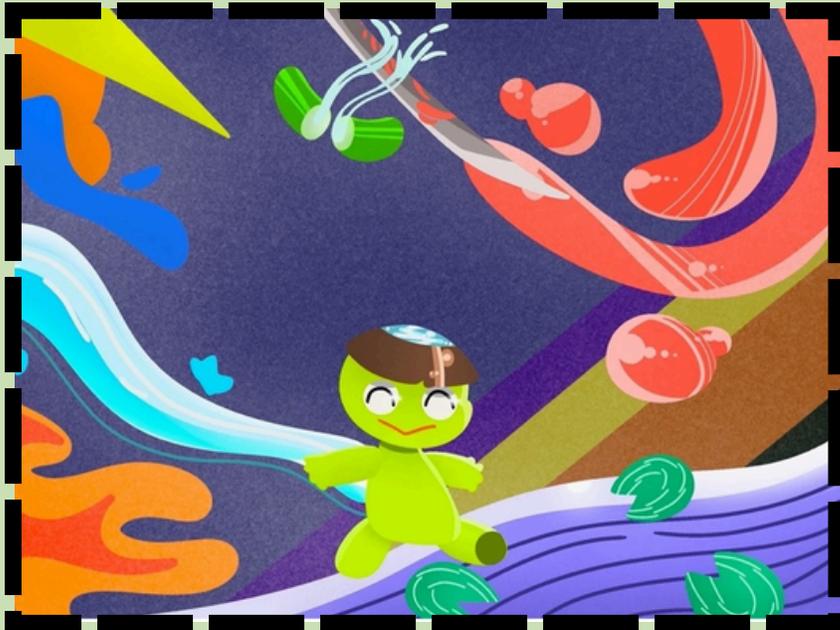
"Through the Glass" - Jordan Huff



"Shades of Life" - Arianna Martinez



"Ubuntu" - Dereje Tarrant



"Kappa Poo" - Kyle Blumenfeld



"Trapped" - Jessica Fang



"Outside the Window" - Mio Nomoto



"Look Up" - Claire Osiecki

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Think Like An Artist

We've made a list of prompts to help spark your artistic thinking and reimagine the way you see the world! Think of them as making the ordinary extraordinary.

1. Explain a flower to someone who has never seen or heard of one before.

2. If you were to lose the sense of sight, how would you maximize your other senses?

3. Think about the possibilities of a line. How can you express a line in 10 different ways?

4. Get a piece of paper that has a tear, fold, wrinkle, or smudge. If you don't have any, make some!

Find creative ways to transform that "mistake"! Draw over the tear, put googly eyes on the smudge, or color in the fold.

5. Draw what you think people see when they first meet you (before they meet you).

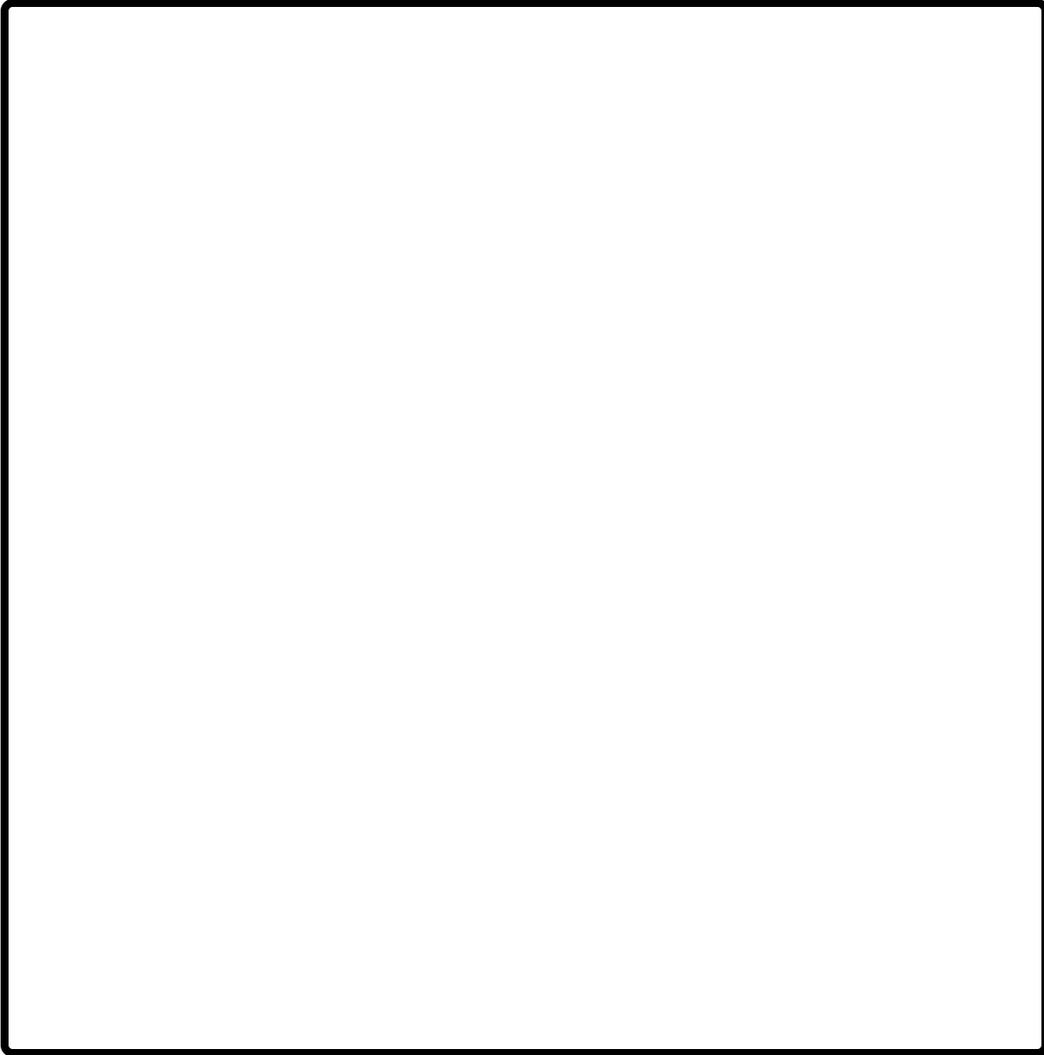
6. Draw a place you've been to in your dreams.

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Think Like An Artwork

Take a minute to think about what your favorite painting is! Then we'll investigate and explore ourselves through this exercise.

Draw your favorite artwork.



You are an artwork placed in a museum.



**This is
you!** ↗

Think about the journey that
it took you to get to the museum.

Come up with a story to
how you ended up there!

Let's Connect!

We'd love to hear your ideas and for you to join our community of artists and educators!

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