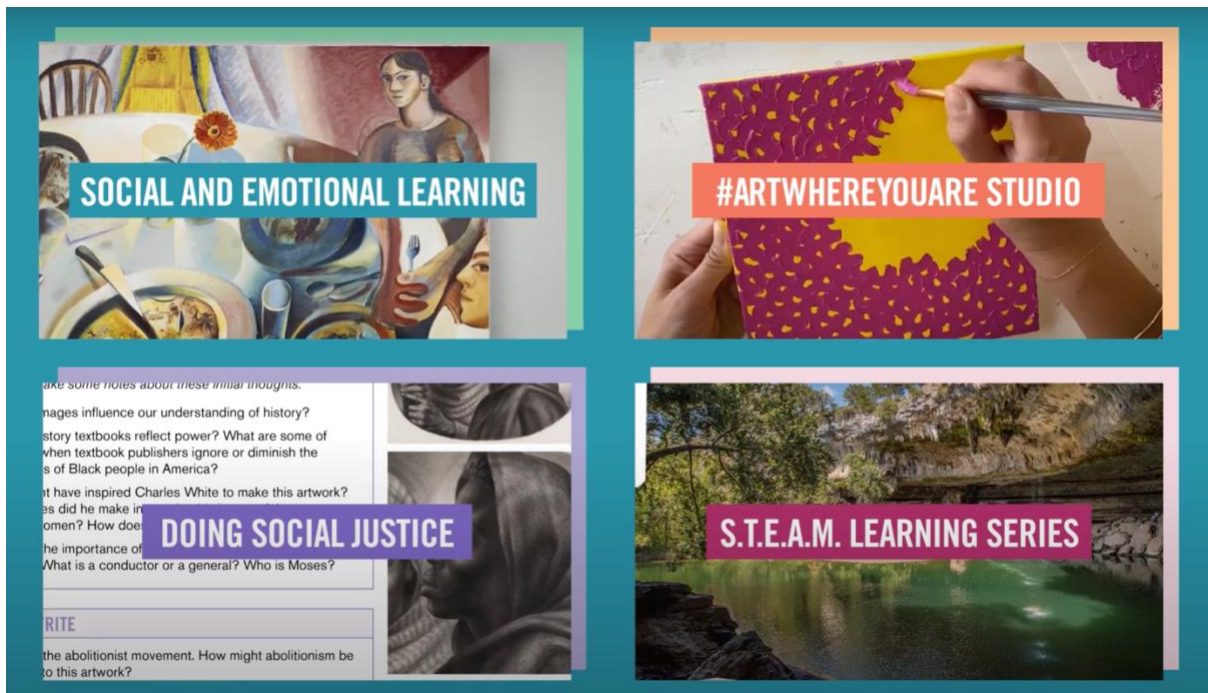


BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART



MEDIA ALERT: Blanton Museum Launches New Digital Education Resources for PK-12

What: The Blanton Museum of Art has unveiled a new set of digital resources, designed to support lesson planning and asynchronous learning for PK-12 audiences. Available online for free, these newly designed lessons augment the existing lessons and robust program of digital content the Blanton education team began developing last year in response to a temporary pause in the museum’s gallery teaching program. Each lesson in the four modules—**SEL (Social and Emotional Learning, Doing Social Justice, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math), Doing Social Justice, and #ArtWhereYouAre Studio**—features a work of art from the Blanton’s collection to build skills or support a theme. Each lesson includes videos hosted by Blanton educators and worksheets with activities.

The **SEL** series features nine lessons designed to help learners make connections to lived experiences and support writing, reflection, and communication skills. One new exemplary lesson explores the value of showing respect to elders with an artwork by Charles White.

The new **STEAM** series explores how artmaking and interpretation involve critical skills in science, technology, engineering, and math. One such lesson invites learners to closely observe nature and consider how organisms interact within our ecosystem through the lens of photography.

The **Doing Social Justice** instructional guides are the result of an ongoing collaboration with educators from the Austin Independent School District and the Anti-Defamation League. Each of the four lessons is designed to engage young people with issues of community, identity, and voice.

There are also several new artmaking activities as part of the **#ArtWhereYouAre Studio** series. Inspired by works from Yayoi Kusama, Mary Lee Bendolph, and José Reyes Meza, among other key artists in the Blanton's collection, the suite of eight lessons likewise spark creativity and are designed for both classroom use and individual learners.

When: Online now! More lessons will be published in the future.

Where: Resources are available for free at <https://blantonmuseum.org/overview/pk-12/>

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Image: Overview of learning modules as part of the Blanton's digital educational resources for PK-12 audiences

About the Blanton Museum of Art:

Founded in 1963, the Blanton Museum of Art holds the largest public collection in Central Texas with around 19,000 objects. Recognized as the home of Ellsworth Kelly's *Austin*, its major collecting areas are modern and contemporary American and Latin American art, Italian Renaissance and Baroque paintings, and prints and drawings. The Blanton offers thought-provoking, visually arresting, and personally moving encounters with art.