Meet the Children of the Getty

Boy with a Dragon

Lots of kids your age are in works of art at the Getty. How are their lives similar to or different from yours?

Look closely at the work of art before you answer the questions. You can talk to a partner about what you find.

Boy with a Dragon
By Gian Lorenzo Bernini, 1614–1620

- Walk around this work of art and look at it from different places. Where is the best view? Why?
- Look at the boy’s face. How does he feel about wrestling the dragon?
- What do you think will happen next? Invent a story.

Fun Facts:
Bernini was a teenager when he carved this marble sculpture. A sculpture is a three-dimensional artwork. The boy in this sculpture could be Hercules, a mythological hero famous for his strength. This sculpture was meant to be a fountain—water would bubble out of the dragon’s mouth.