

How do YOU Spotlight?

Schedule a Classroom Visit

During your Spotlight project, schedule a classroom visit from a McNay educator. The visit includes in-depth looking at a reproduction of the Spotlight selection and an art historical background of the artist and the work of art. Students learn how to look closely and theorize about the style or content of the work of art supported by visual evidence.

Plan a Free Student Tour

A museum visit is the best way to prepare for Spotlight. On a free student tour, students closely examine the Spotlight selection in person and consider how and why it was made with the help of a museum docent. For more information on student tours, visit mcnayart.org/tours.



Learn about the Artist

Visit the [Vanessa German Spotlight Resources](#) page. Conduct your own research about the artist and the work of art online.

Brainstorm Project Ideas

Spotlight projects can take on many forms and are not limited to art making, with past submissions including painting and sculpture, but also poetry, film, and animation. The goal is to respond to the work of art in a creative way. That could be a science experiment, a choreographed dance, or whatever your students feel inspired to create.

Execute Your Idea

Spotlight encourages experimentation. Students learn problem solving skills as they experiment, evaluate the results, and adapt their approach. Document the process.

Showcase Your Project at Spotlight Celebration

The culmination of this year-long focus is the Spotlight Celebration, where students have a forum to showcase their finished projects and talk about the creative process. Parents, teachers, administrators, and friends are invited to this free celebration.

Important 2022 Spotlight Dates

Submission Deadline

Friday, March 24, 2023

[Link to Submission Form](#)

Artwork Delivery

By Monday, April 24 by appointment

Spotlight Exhibition Opens

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Spotlight Celebration

Sunday, May 21, 2023

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