

Finding a Friend Gallery Activity

This photograph is an image of a young child in the Emergency Room of Doylestown Hospital. He is surrounded by doctors, nurses, and his family. We can learn a lot about what he might be experiencing or feeling by looking at his **facial expression** or **body language**. What do you think is going on in this image? Discuss it with a friend or family member.



“Emergency Department, Evan Preparing for Sutures” from “Doylestown Hospital” series, 1997, Edmund Eckstein (b. 1943), Gelatin silver print, James A. Michener Art Museum Collection.

Now, look for a **portrait** or another artwork in the galleries that includes people. Select someone from the artwork you would want as your **friend** and think about why you chose them.

Write the name of the artwork you have selected here:

Think about what kind of **character traits** or **qualities** (kind, good listener, honest, etc.) are important to you in finding and making friends. List them below.

What **visual clues** do you see in the artwork that made you select this person as your friend? What body language, facial expression, or elements included in the work reveal their personality? List them below:

Is there anything that you would like to know more about this person that you can't find from looking at the artwork? If so, list your question below.

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Now, write a **short biography** describing, in detail, your “friend’s” personality below. (Refer to your list of visual clues for ideas.) Be sure to share your biography with a friend or family member and let them try to guess which portrait you chose! (Or trade with a friend or family member and try to guess each other’s.)

Sharing Experiences

Have you or anyone you know ever been to the Emergency room before? What was the experience like for you? Write about your experience and/or about a time that you might have felt like the boy feels in this picture. Share it with a family member or friend.