

Landmarks Guide for Younger Children



Willard Boepple

American, born 1945

Eleanor at 7:15

1977

Cor-ten steel

Subject: Dynamic

Activity: Using lines to give the appearance of motion

Materials: Pencil and paper

Vocabulary: Arc, diagonal, dynamic, vertical, horizontal, motion

i Introduction

Willard Boepple's sculpture is made of many sheets of hard and heavy steel. Though the metal is stiff and rough, this sculpture looks lively and light, or dynamic. When something looks dynamic, it looks active, like it may have just stopped moving, and could get up again at any moment. This sculpture reminds us of movement because the artist used many different metal shapes to create a variety of lines. There are straight pieces that are vertical, horizontal, and diagonal, and arcs of metal connect them. The artist's use of many different kinds of lines is exciting and interesting for us to look at.

? Questions

How many different pieces of metal are in this sculpture?

How many are straight and how many are curved?

What kind of moving thing does this sculpture look like?

This sculpture is called Eleanor at 7:15. Judging by the sculpture, what do you think Eleanor is like?



Activity

Using paper and pencil draw a variety of lines that look like they could be moving. Consider what kind of lines would represent the wind or a river. What happens when you combine diagonal and horizontal or vertical lines? Can you make lines that look like they move quickly and slowly?



Vocabulary

Arc - A segment of a circle

Diagonal - A line that runs at a slant, between vertical and horizontal

Dynamic - Characterized by action or motion, the opposite of static

Horizontal - Positioned across (from side to side) the same the horizon, and the opposite of vertical

Vertical - Positioned upright, like a flagpole, and the opposite of horizontal



Artists with Related Works

Anthony Caro, *Veduggio Glimpse*, 1972–73

Antoine Pevsner, *Column of Peace*, 1954