The Jackson Hole 5

**The Jackson Hole 5** exhibition features five artists who live in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The work created by these artists often features the beautiful land and wildlife (animals living in nature) of Wyoming. Each artist has their own unique style, or their own particular way of creating art. For example, artist Amy Lay often paints her animals using bright colors, lots of line and brushstrokes (marks left behind by a brush). Find her painting *Teach me the Raven Ways* (right). Are there any colors in this bear’s fur that you might not expect? Why do you think the artist used those colors? Sometimes an artist will creatively use color in unexpected places. It can be lots of fun to experiment with color! What “raven ways” might the bear be learning?

*When you make art or color a drawing, do you ever use color in unusual ways? Would you like to try?*

Some artists choose to make their art realistic (showing people or things as they are in real life). Artist September Vhay does not show her brushstrokes or use unusual colors in her work, instead her paintings look like photographs! She chooses to leave out “busy” backgrounds (the part of a scene behind something) so that viewers can focus on the subject.

*Which piece in this exhibit would you hang in your living room? Why did you choose that piece?*

Amy Lay, *Teach me the Raven Ways*, 2018, oil and charcoal on canvas

September Vhay, *Fall’s Surprise*, 2019, oil on Belgian linen
Discuss: There are five different and talented artists in this exhibit. Can you name all five? Which artist’s style do you most enjoy? Do you like art that uses realistic color or art that uses unexpected colors? Why? If you were to have art in this exhibit, what would you choose to paint?

Examine: Look around the gallery and find the painting Shield by Amy Ringholz (right). The subject of this piece is a buffalo, but do you see other animals? How many other animals do you see? The artist says that she likes to show emotion and character (the way someone thinks, feels and behaves) in her animals. What kind of character do you see in this buffalo? Do you see any emotion?

Find: Many of the artists in this gallery have painted horses! How many horses can you find? Look below for the answer!

Try This!

Draw an owl! Did you find the owl in Amy Ringholz’s painting, Shield (above)? Which other artist has a painting of an owl in this exhibit? Try drawing your own owl below!