

## Core Skills Analysis

### Art Appreciation

- Paige and Maximus learned about the technique and effort required to create a large-scale painting.
- They observed various elements such as color, texture, and composition, enhancing their ability to critique art.
- The immersive experience provided insights into how art can evoke emotions and create a connection with the viewer.
- They were introduced to self-taught artists and the unique perspectives they can bring to the art world.

### Environmental Science

- The scene of lightning strikes and dust storms helped connect the students with natural phenomena and their impact on landscapes.
- They learned about local flora such as saltbush and its role in the ecosystem, promoting awareness of native plants.
- The depiction of mountains offered a chance to discuss geological features and how they are formed.
- This experience can inspire discussions about climate through understanding the representation of weather events in art.

### History

- Paige and Maximus gained an understanding of local art history through the narrative surrounding 'Big Picture' and its artist.
- They explored the cultural significance of art in local communities and how it reflects their heritage.
- Learning about the two-year dedication of the artist highlights themes of perseverance and commitment.
- They developed an appreciation for storytelling in art, enriching their knowledge of how history is expressed visually.

### Tips

Encourage Paige and Maximus to explore additional artistic techniques and styles by visiting local galleries or museums. They could engage in hands-on art projects that allow them to experiment with creating their own landscapes inspired by the scenes seen in 'Big Picture'. Considering a discussion about the environmental themes present in the artwork can promote critical thinking about nature and conservation. Moreover, introducing them to relevant books about local ecosystems or notable artists could deepen their understanding of the subjects explored during this activity.

### Book Recommendations

- [The Big Picture: Earth](#) by Diana Hutzell: An engaging exploration of Earth's landscapes and climates, perfect for young environmental enthusiasts.
- [Art for Kids: A Beginner's Guide to Painting and Drawing](#) by Marilyn Scott: A fun introduction to basic art techniques, encouraging kids to express themselves through their own creations.
- [Storms: Nature's Fury](#) by Elizabeth J. McKinnon: A captivating book that illustrates storm phenomena and their effects on the environment, ideal for curious young readers.