Visual Arts Careers:
Independent Learning Guide

The role models in the video “Visual Arts Careers” share reasons that girls should consider visual arts careers.

Watch the video “Visual Arts Careers” at least once. Then read each statement below. Think carefully about each question before you answer it.

1. Photographers and photo curators (people who care for photographs) say that a photograph can inspire a story.

How can a photograph help inspire a story?

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Imagine you have a photo of a person holding a balloon in a thunderstorm. What questions could you ask and answer about the photo that might inspire a story?

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2. The museum art curator said that artwork can tell a story.

How can one or more works of art tell a story?

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Tell about a work of art or an art show you have seen in a museum, in your school, in your community, or on the internet that helped to tell one or more stories.

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3. The film producer/writer said that young women should consider careers in television and film because a lot of times our voices, women’s authentic voices, aren’t heard.

What is an “authentic voice?”

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If more women had careers in the film industry, how would that make certain that women’s authentic voices would be heard?

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4. The assistant director said that there are a lot of different visual arts careers that take place behind the camera. She also said that’s where a lot of the creative control takes place.

Careers that take place in front of the camera are called performing arts careers. These may include singers, dancers, actors and anyone who entertains an audience. What visual arts careers take place behind the camera?

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Why are we more familiar with those careers that take place in front of the camera than the ones that take place behind the camera? If creativity takes place both in front of the camera and behind the camera, which career type would you prefer and why?

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5. The same assistant director talked about the importance of having “creative control” behind the camera.

What do you think she meant by creative control? Explain.

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Why is it desirable to have creative control when working on an artistic project?

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6. In the video, the production strategist said that there is huge opportunity for girls who want to be a director, a producer, or a writer in the entertainment industry.

A film is another word for a movie, a television show, or a video. What is the job of a film director? What is the job of a film producer?

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Tell why you would or would not enjoy directing or producing a film.

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7. A career in visual arts gives you the opportunity to tell stories from a girl’s or a woman’s point of view.

Why is it important to share female points of view?

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Why is a girl or a woman the best one to bring this point of view to viewers?

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