

SEEING THE WORLD AROUND US DIFFERENTLY

GUIDED REFLECTION

The beauty of the natural world was a constant source of inspiration for Leon Polk Smith, especially during his childhood in Oklahoma. Smith interpreted his love of nature as a way to expand how he thought about making art.

In this activity, we'll go outside and take inspiration from the natural beauty of our community. Find a shady spot in your yard or visit a park and take a few minutes to sit quietly. Take time to notice all the colors and shapes. Take time to smell the air and feel the sun on your skin. After a few minutes, use the space above to create an abstract impression of these feelings. How can you use color and shape to express the beauty of landscape differently?

