Art, Craft & Design Discussion Questions
Grades 7-12

Choose at least one of the videos below on art, craft, and design to watch, and then answer the following questions.

Virgil Ortiz | “Hear my Voice” Indigenous Culture and Ceramics
Akio Takamori | Craft and Being an Artist in America
Peace and Unity Pottery in Ghana | Small business of making pots
Betty Woodman | “Thinking out Loud” on pots and sculpture
Nicole Cherubini | Artist talk at the Perez Art Museum
Heath Ceramics | Founded in California in 1948
Brian Giniewski | Drippy Pots

Who did you watch/listen to?

How would you describe their work? At first impression would you categorize this as art, craft, or design?

How did they get started working in clay?
What kind of education do they have?

How do they think about history in relation to their work?

How are they building on or innovating within an artistic tradition?

Do they work alone on all steps of the process, or do other people participate in the making of the work? Do you see the finished work as having more of an individual or collective voice?
How do they sell or exhibit their art/craft/design objects? Who is their intended audience?

How do you think the cultural or monetary value of an object changes depending on how it is categorized?

What did you find interesting or surprising about the work?