

Close Looking Activity: Nelson Morales's *Queen on Board*



Image Credit: Nelson Morales, Mexican, born 1982, *Queen on Board*, 2015, archival pigment print, 20 x 30 in. (50.8 x 76.2 cm). Lent by Allen Blevins and Armando Aispuro, L2020.7.1.

Spend time looking closely at the details in the photograph. What do you think is happening in this scene?

How has the artist used narrative elements, like the scene's setting, the figure's gestures and facial expression, and the action taking place, to draw us into the photograph? What do you think will happen next?

Based upon the figure's appearance (i.e. clothing and accessories), what do you think the photographer, Nelson Morales, wants us to know about this person's identity and what is important to them?

Look closely at the figure's gaze. What are the eyes communicating? How would you respond?