The ancient Greeks and Romans loved to create marble statues and busts like this one to celebrate the beauty of the human body. When you come to the Museum, you will see many white marble sculptures—but they weren’t always like that! Researchers discovered that many of these sculptures were actually painted all over with bright colors that wore off over time.

What bright, wild colors could you use to paint this marble piece? What plain, white objects in your house could use some extra color?

The Greeks and Romans created very realistic portraits. One way to create realistic portraits is by using proportions. Use your thumb to measure the width of Diana’s eye. How many eye-widths are between each eye? How many on each side? Use these proportions the next time you make a self-portrait!
Head of Diana, Roman, no date, Marble, Gift of Mrs. W.W. Gwathmey, Sr., 28.2.1