

How to use this guide

Arts in Junior Cycle encourages active engagement when using short films in the classroom. The questions and activities below are a small sample of ways that this film featuring Emma Bourke could be incorporated into the lessons. Teachers will need to consider the unique context and both age and stage of their students when planning how best to use the film and adapt this resource accordingly.



Key Skills focus: Being Creative | Managing Information & Thinking

Before Viewing

Consider prior knowledge in anticipation of viewing

- Do you look for feedback on your work/projects? How does getting feedback help to develop your work?
- When working on a project, how do you gather your thoughts and ideas?
- What do you think are the key skills that a glass artist needs to have/develop?

While Viewing

Support active viewing. On second and subsequent viewing, pausing may be used for specific focus

- Emma places a lot of importance on learning from others. She speaks about the master glass artists who trained her. Who do you learn from?
- *'I have no problem stepping back from something if it's not working for me! Do you do the same thing? How does stepping back help you progress further in your work/project?*
- Emma says that *'you really need to allow people to come and give their opinion, look at your work and give you the difficult comments, for you to develop your work! Why is it important to get feedback from others?*

After Viewing

Follow up on key ideas and synthesize information learned

- Emma mentions that her grandfather made the signage for riding schools in their area. Explore the signage in your area. What signs stand out to you as being well designed? Why?
- Think about how you could get constructive feedback on your next project. Who would you ask? What would you ask them to think about while looking at your work?



Passion for Design and Making

Emma Bourke
Glass Artist

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