Take a moment to view this artwork by letting your eyes wander around the image. What colors and patterns do you notice? How does it make you feel?

The artist Ronald Jackson created this painting titled In a Day, She Became The Master of Her House. In the image, a Black woman wears old fashioned clothing and has a colorful patterned mask. Jackson said masks have two purposes: to hide behind or show how you want people to see you. Why do you think she is wearing a mask? Have you ever worn a mask that covers your whole face? How did you feel when you wore it?

Extension Activity

Every person in the world is unique and different, and our differences are beautiful and full of incredible stories.

When we tell people the differences we see about ourselves, we call that our identity. Identity can include our physical appearance, personality, things we like to do, and our beliefs. The artist, Ronald Jackson, loves to think about the very different ways we all see ourselves. He uses his art to tell stories that all people can share and use to make our world better.

Grab a piece of paper or use the space below and write a list of all the things that make you the incredible you that you are! Take all your awesome traits and try to write a story.

Then try this activity with a friend!

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We are excited for you to join us in exploring the power of art with My Museum Kit: Keep Creating. Have fun as you discover your inner artist and connect with art at Crystal Bridges. Keep Creating is about making art during challenging times. In this kit, you’ll learn about artists who face difficult experiences and use art to tell important stories about themselves and the world. You will also create artworks of your own!

With an adult’s permission, visit CrystalBridges.org/my-museum-kit for videos to meet our educators, look closely at works of art, and learn how to use the supplies in this kit. If you are unable to view our web page, simply follow the instructions on this printout. We are so excited for you to explore a world of art and get creative!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS!

With permission from an adult, you can share your final projects on social media using #MyMuseumKit.