Cubism
Post-Visit Activity

After visiting the *Cubism and Its Legacy* exhibition and learning about Cubism, read the following quote to your students. Invite them to reflect on it and then share their ideas. This activity may be adapted for use on the bus or back in the classroom.

Pablo Picasso once said:

“Every act of creation is first of all an act of destruction.”

How does this statement relate to the cubist works of art you just explored in the exhibition *Cubism and Its Legacy*?

**Teacher’s note:** On the next page, you will find some key concepts about Cubism that relate to the issues raised by this quote. It may help to keep these in mind as you facilitate a group discussion.
• Cubist works were based on representational subject matter, such as musical instruments, tables, or other objects from everyday life.

• Cubist works showed recognizable objects combined with non-representational elements, such as lines and geometric shapes.

• Cubist works show many sides of the same subject.

• Sometimes it is hard to distinguish the subject of the art from the background.

• Cubist works include many geometric shapes that appear to be fragments of the depicted subject.

• Cubist artists imagined the subject in fragments and then reassembled the shapes in a new way that invites the viewer to consider the subject from a new point of view.