

# KARA WALKER

## CUT TO THE QUICK

from the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation

### FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Welcome to *Kara Walker: Cut to the Quick* at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Walker's work is both beautiful and challenging. It encourages viewers to take a critical and haunting view of the past while proposing questions around the challenges we continue to face collectively today. Her work requires deep looking, reflection and contemplation.

This Family Discussion Guide is intended to help you explore the exhibition. It provides questions and conversation prompts to help you talk about what

you are seeing, thinking, and feeling. Grown-ups visiting this exhibition with children are encouraged to discuss the themes captured in Walker's work.

As you make your way through the exhibition, allow your child to take the lead. Encourage them to stop at artworks that catch their eye. Some works may make either or both of you uncomfortable to view and discuss. We encourage you to lean into that discomfort and talk about how you are feeling while viewing the exhibition.

#### Try using these questions to get the conversation going

- Why did this artwork catch your attention? What do you see when you look at it?
- What does this artwork make you wonder about? How does it make you feel?
- What questions do you have about this artwork?
- What do you think the artist is trying to tell us with this artwork?  
Is it okay not to know the answers?
- People say that you can read artworks like you read a book.  
If you read Kara Walker's artworks like a story, what do you think the story would be?  
Where do you think the story begins?

We understand that the works on view are complex, challenging, and possibly triggering. If your family needs a break while exploring, we invite you to visit our Community Care Space. Located in the exhibition, please use this space to **rest, reflect and reset.**

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

To continue the conversation prompted by *Kara Walker: Cut to the Quick*, we encourage you to check out these resources.

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### BOOKS

- ***A Kids Book About Racism***  
Jelani Memory
- ***A Kids Book About Systemic Racism***  
Jordan Thierry
- ***A Kids Book About Sexual Abuse***  
Evelyn Young
- ***I Am Enough***  
Grace Byers and Keturah A. Bobo
- ***Freedom River***  
Doreen Rappaport and Bryan Collier
- ***Harbor Me***  
Jacqueline Woodson
- ***Antiracist Baby***  
Ibram X. Kendi and Ashley Lukashevsky
- ***We March***  
Shane Evans
- ***Separate is Never Equal***  
Duncan Tonatiuh
- ***Something Happened in Our Town***  
Ann Hazzard, Marianne Celano, and Marietta Collins
- ***Change Sings***  
Amanda Gorman and Loren Long
- ***All Are Welcome Here***  
Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman
- ***Speak Up!***  
Miranda Paul and Ebony Glenn
- ***Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race***  
Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli and Isabel Roxas
- ***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You***  
Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
- ***I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This***  
Jacqueline Woodson
- ***Speak***  
Laurie Halse Anderson

### WEBSITES

- ***Kara Walker: Cut to the Quick* Exhibition page**  
[cincinnatiartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/kara-walker-cut-to-the-quick/](http://cincinnatiartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/kara-walker-cut-to-the-quick/)
- **Kara Walker's Artist Website**  
[karawalkerstudio.com](http://karawalkerstudio.com)
- **Reading Resources—Kara Walker from the Art Resources Transfer**  
[resources.artresourcestransfer.org/kara-walker#question](http://resources.artresourcestransfer.org/kara-walker#question)
- **Talking About Race from the National Museum of African American History and Culture**  
[nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race](http://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race)
- **Learning for Justice from the Southern Poverty Law Center**  
[learningforjustice.org/topics](http://learningforjustice.org/topics)
- **Embrace Race**  
[embracerace.org/](http://embracerace.org/)
- **Talking to Young Children About Race and Racism from PBS Kids**  
[pbs.org/parents/talking-about-racism](http://pbs.org/parents/talking-about-racism)
- **Talking to Your Kids About Sexual Assault from RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)**  
[rainn.org/articles/talking-your-kids-about-sexual-assault](http://rainn.org/articles/talking-your-kids-about-sexual-assault)
- **Talking to Your Kids About Rape and Sexual Assault by Jessica Minier Mabe**  
[parentmap.com/article/talking-to-kids-about-rape-sexual-assault](http://parentmap.com/article/talking-to-kids-about-rape-sexual-assault)
- **Men Can Stop Rape: Creating Cultures Free of Violence**  
[mcsr.org/public-education](http://mcsr.org/public-education).