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## ART LESSONS IN THE CLASSROOM

# FIFTH GRADE LESSON 2

### TODAY WE LEARNED THE MYSTERY OF GEOMETRIC AND ORGANIC SHAPES

**LOOK** In class, we looked at *Black Angel* by Joseph Goldberg and *Back from Egypt* by Harold Balazs or *The Surprise Answer* by Rene Magritte. We looked for and described the attributes of different kinds of shapes: geometric and organic.

**TALK** We talked about the mystery that occurred when the artist combined unknown random shapes with mathematical shapes. We talked about how combining different kinds of shapes can convey meaning in art. We practiced drawing geometric and random/organic shapes in our sketchbooks.

### ART AT HOME

**ASK** At home, ask your child where did you see a combination of shapes that surprised you? What would you think had happened when a normally geometric shape is altered? What would you think had happened if a normally random/organic shape has a rectilinear aspect?

**CREATE** Together you could look for mysteries created by shapes you didn't expect to see.

**THE COMBINATION OF GEOMETRIC AND ORGANIC SHAPES CAN SUGGEST MULTIPLE MEANINGS.**