

## Write an Ekphrastic Poem!



2006.009 | Aminah Robinson | GUTHRIE, THE COAL MINER | mixed media (watercolor,, pencil, gesso, marker) on heavy paper | 11.5 x 16 | 1982

Aminah Robinson's work is grounded in her belief in the African concept of Sankofa, learning from the past in order to move forward.

Much of her work is about family, community, and the stories told to her by her elders. She also researched the lives of abolitionists, civil rights leaders, musicians and writers and depicts them in her art.

### Art Idea:

- » Ask Visitor Services for the packet of postit notes and pencil.
- » Write an ekphrastic poem using *Guthrie, The Coal Miner* as inspiration. (An ekphrastic poetry is a vivid description of a scene or, more commonly, a work of art. You can invent dialog, create a story, ask questions, or reflect on what details in the painting mean or, you can relate the painting to your own life.)

After you write your poem you can place it on green rectangle in Chakeres Gallery to share with other visitors or you can take it with you.

Have fun!!