A Closer Look
Metal Arts at Mia

An Interactive Quiz and Guide for Families
WHAT IS THIS?

A  Frying pan
B  Mirror
C  Weapon
Answer: B (Mirror)

This bronze mirror was used by an Etruscan, member of a pre-Roman civilization in today’s Italy, over 2,000 years ago!

Make your own looking glass inspired by ancient bronze mirrors on the Virtual Family Day website.

Unknown artist, Etruscan, Mirror, 2nd–3rd BCE, bronze, Gift of Robert E. Hecht, Jr. (on view in Gallery 242)
WHAT TYPE OF METAL IS THIS SCULPTURE MADE OF?

A. Bronze
B. Gold
C. Silver
Answer: A (Bronze) and some B (Gold)

This Chinese sculpture of Warrior Prince (Guan Yu) is made of gilt bronze, which is bronze covered with a thin layer of gold.
WHICH OBJECT INSPIRED THIS SCULPTURE BY MARY GILES?

A  Rock

B  Mountain

C  Monster
Answer: A (Rock)

While Mary Giles was renovating her home in Stillwater, Minn., large rocks were broken in the process. She noticed how the inside color contrasted with the rock’s “skin.”
TRUE OR FALSE: BOTH SUITS WERE MADE FOR PROTECTION.

A  True
B  False
Answer: True

Though the appearance of each suit differs, both were designed to protect the wearer. The German armor (first photo) dating from the 1500s would have protected a soldier in war. The Soundsuit (second photo) made by Nick Cave, a Black artist, is intended to empower and protect its wearer from prejudice and violence of racism.

Unknown artist, Germany, Armor, 1520, steel, leather, copper alloy (composite; early 20th century restorations), The Washburn Fund

Nick Cave, Soundsuit, 2010, Metal, wood, plastic, pigments, cotton and acrylic fibers, Gift of Funds from Alida Messinger ©Nick Cave and Jack Shainman
THESE TWO ARTWORKS WERE MADE BY THE SAME PERSON.

A  True

B  False
Johann Friedrich Baer, a famous silversmith of the 1700s, made the silver Masterpiece cup and cover. He is painted alongside his prized creation. But Baer did not paint the portrait of himself; instead, the artist was likely his friend Johann Daniel Heimlich.

Johann Friedrich Baere, French, 1721-1795, Masterpiece cup and cover, c 1746, gift of funds from Mary Agnes and Al McQuinn

Attributed to Johann Daniel Heimlich, French, 1740–1796, Portrait of the Silversmith Johann Friedrich Baer, c. 1770, oil on canvas, Gift of Achim Neuse and Volker Wurster
Can you find the silversmith's tools by looking closer at the painting?
Take a closer look at the artworks featured in this quiz by browsing artsmia.org/explore.

Or visit them in Mia’s galleries*:

**Gallery 242** Etruscan bronze mirror

**Gallery 201** Chinese sculpture of Warrior Prince (Guan Yu)

**Gallery 275** *Copper Passage*, Mary Giles

**Gallery 340** German armor

**Gallery 374** *Soundsuit*, by Nick Cave

**Gallery 350** *Portrait of Johann Friedrich Baer* and silver Masterpiece cup and cover

* *locations as of September 2020*