



CRAFT IN AMERICA

COLLECTING AND CURATING MEANING-FILLED OBJECTS EDUCATION GUIDE

Discussion Questions

Watch the video segment featuring collector Forrest Merrill, whose collection spans the careers of major artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. Answer the questions below.

"I'm not particularly interested in just showing pretty things. I want the work to have a story. I want the artist, through the work, to tell a story. I would like there to be some message or some goal to share with people this totally different way of life, of living with art."

– Forrest L. Merrill

1. Who is Forrest Merrill and what does he do?
2. What does he collect? Why is his collection important?
3. What do collectors and curators consider when selecting and curating artworks and objects?
4. What is a Curator? What do they do?
5. Who is Kay Sekimachi? What inspires her work?
6. Do you collect objects or artworks? If yes, what do you collect?