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NAHS Attends Slow Art Event at the Modern

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This is the third year in a row that NAHS has attended a Slow Art event. "We keep going back because the Slow Art events provide a really unique and valuable experience: namely, helping students learn how to analyze a single artwork in-depth," noted **Lauren Cunningham**, NAHS Advisor. **Megan Lammons '19** shared that "It [is] fun to take time [to] enjoy the art rather than just looking past it."

Slow Art events also serve to foster students' appreciation for modern art, which often perplexes and even frustrates viewers – especially teenagers. "I loved the Slow Art trip. It was very interesting, and I loved hearing the history [behind] the artwork," said **Grace Bobo '21**. "The artwork *Aurora* is fascinating, and the story it tells is wonderful and can be interpreted in so many ways."

The Slow Arts events are open to the public, and usually there are many adults who also engage in the discussion. The result is a rich dialogue with a diversity of viewpoints. "I thought it was interesting how every person had a different opinion on what the subject of the painting was," said **Riya Patel '20**.

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