
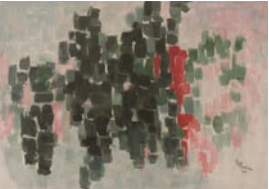



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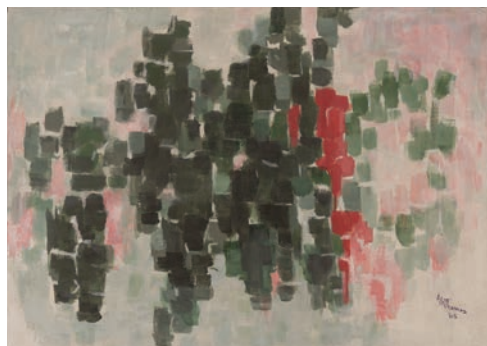
DIRECTIONS: Study each artwork and then answer the questions that follow.

| ARTWORK | What do you notice about the colors? | What do you notice about the shapes? | What do you notice about the lines? | What is the mood of the painting? | Does the painting remind you of anything from real life? What is it? |
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Alma W. Thomas, *Grassy Melodic Chant*, 1976,
Acrylic on canvas, 46 x 36 in., Smithsonian
American Art Museum



Alma W. Thomas, *Red Tree in High Winter*,
1968, Acrylic and graphite on canvas, 24 x 34
¼ in. Colby College Museum of Art, museum
purchase from the Jere Abbott Acquisitions
Fund, 2017.383



Alma W. Thomas, *Launch Pad*, 1970, Acrylic
on canvas 74 x 54 in., Smithsonian National
Air and Space Museum, Gift of Mr. and Mrs.
David Anderson