



MUSEUM FROM HOME

Art Explorers' Story Hour | January 2021

WHAT'S THE WEATHER?

Look!

What do you see in this picture?

How many colors can you find?

What do you think the weather is like in the painting? How does that make you feel?

Learn!

Look outside - do you see sun or clouds?

What was the weather like yesterday?

What would you do outside on a warm sunny day?

What kinds of clothes do you wear to go out in the rain? Why?

In this painting by Charles Burchfield, we can see some big, puffy clouds and bright blue sky. There is sunlight reflecting on top of the leaves and dark shadows underneath the leaves. This tells us it's a sunny day in the picture.



Charles Burchfield, *Untitled (Clouds and Trees under Blue Skies)*, circa 1925, Watercolor, gouache and pencil on paper, laid down on board, 26 1/2 × 19 in. Clara S. Peck Fund. 2019.8.1.

The clouds are a little grey on the bottom, which could mean that the weather is going to change to cloudy or even rain. Do you like when it rains?

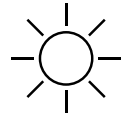
Weather is important to us for many reasons. Both rain and sunshine are needed for plants to grow.

Do!

Dramatic Play: Weather Forecaster

Supplies:

- Paper
- Markers, crayons or colored pencils
- Anything to use as a microphone (like a wooden spoon or hairbrush)
- Clothes to put on for different weather, such as raincoat, winter coat, sweater, boots, gloves, flip flops, shorts, t-shirt, etc



Instructions:

- On each sheet of paper, draw a weather sign: sun, rain, dark clouds, cloud with lightning bolt, snowflake, etc. Or, print the templates provided and color them in.
- One person will be the Weather Forecaster. Tell what the weather will be by holding up a sign and using the “microphone” to announce the weather.
- The other person looks for appropriate clothing to wear in that weather (flip flops, shorts and t-shirt for sun or winter coat, boots, hat for snow, etc)
- Take turns forecasting the weather and dressing up.
- To make it more challenging, hold up two (or three!) different weather signs to show how weather changes through the day.

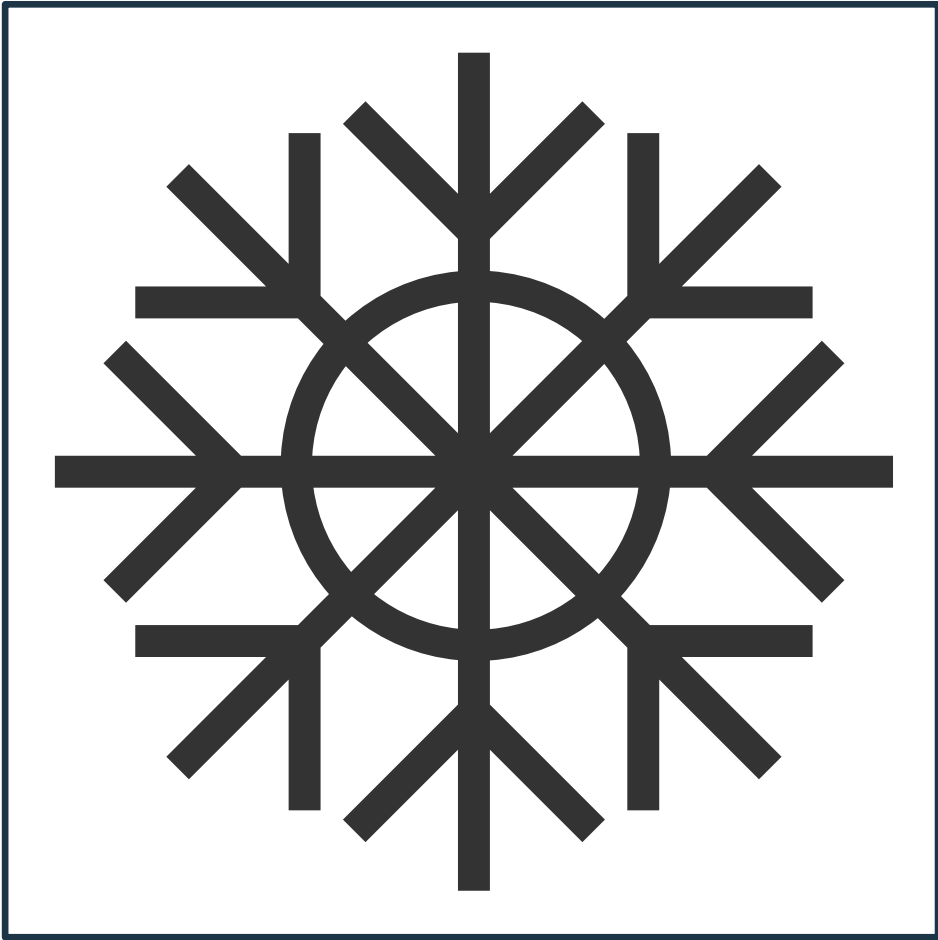


What is your favorite kind of weather?

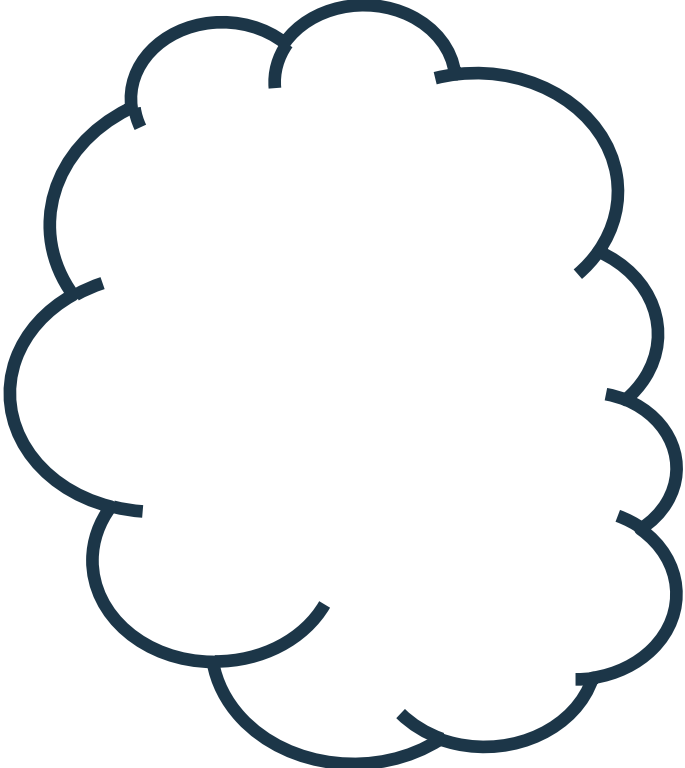


Templates for Weather Signs

SNOW

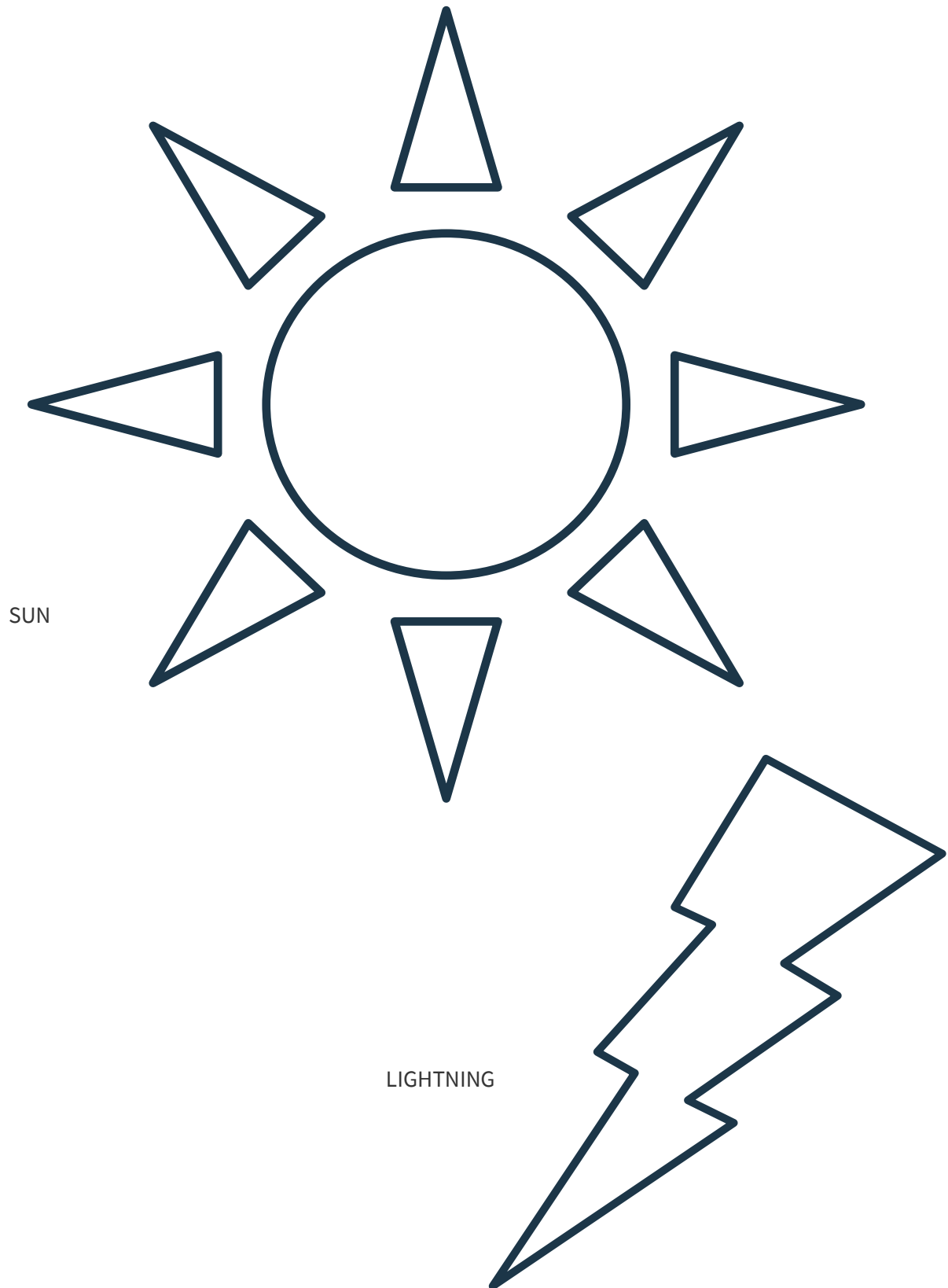


CLOUDY



RAINY





SUN

LIGHTNING

WINDY

