

Interviewer: Would you explain to us who you are, what you do for a living, and talk about 21st Century Skills.

Rob Stein: Okay. And my name is Rob Stein. I'm the Deputy Director for Research Technology and Engagement at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. And regarding 21st Century Skills and Training, we run a program funded by IMLS called the View Finders, pre-service, and in-service, which works with educators in a number of schools around Indianapolis and open universities who are being trained as educators, and teaches them a particular message of Visual Thinking Strategies, VTS.

VTS is a tool or technique of conversation that helps students develop critical thinking skills as they connect with works of art. So the pre-service in-service grant for View Finders is helping train those educators in VTS and how to use it with students. And we think that this is a primary way that the arts and facilitate those critical thinking skills as used by students not only with the arts, but in all of their schooling and as they transition into the professional workforce.