

Worksheet #1: Building a Collection

"Take me where you will, oh obsession!"—Cheech Marin

1. What do you think Cheech means by the above quote? What does it say about his collecting?
2. What are Cheech Marin's criteria for choosing the works in his collection?
3. Cheech Marin has a personal connection to his collection of artworks. How would you describe that connection?
4. Cheech Marin is enthusiastic when he talks about the artworks in his collection. List some evidence of his enthusiasm.
5. In his role as a collector and a buyer of artworks, Cheech Marin has some influence with artists. Artist Francisco Palomares says:
"The part that collectors play is what gives an artist inspiration, resources, affirmations, opportunities; but it's also giving you an emotional kind of refueling to give you that confidence; that they're willing to put value into what you have been dedicating your life to."

Circle the things in Francisco Palomares' statement that you believe apply to Cheech Marin.
Ask questions about anything you don't understand.