

Writing Club: On *Acting Out* with River L. Ramirez

April 2025

Warm-up: What words or mental images come to mind when you think about the phrase “acting out?” Make a list of as many words as you can.



Cy Twombly. *Academy*. New York 1955

Artwork: Cy Twombly's Academy. New York 1955

Writing Prompt 1:

Meditate on this piece for a couple of minutes, writing down the words or phrases that come to mind as you take the painting in.

Writing Prompt 2: Twombly used ancient painting techniques and mixed it with modern styles. Using the past as present. What are some things you would bring back from the past and how would you apply it to the modern day?

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Installation view of the gallery “Acting Out” in the exhibition “Collection 1940s–1970s” August 4, 2023–ongoing. Photographed in August 2023. IN2532.405.7. Photograph by Jonathan Dorado.

Writing Prompt 3: [Gallery 405: Acting Out](#)

Pick one artwork in the gallery that attracts you for any reason. How did the artist break the rules of painting or art making? Make a list of what you notice.

Writing Prompt 4: Make a list of objects, forms, or materials that you think contemporary society deems precious.

Writing Prompt 5: How would you break the socially accepted ways of using these objects, forms, or materials? Make a list of as many creative and silly ideas you can think of.

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Writing Prompt 6:

Make a short list of things you love (people, places, ideas, things, etc.)
Choose one.

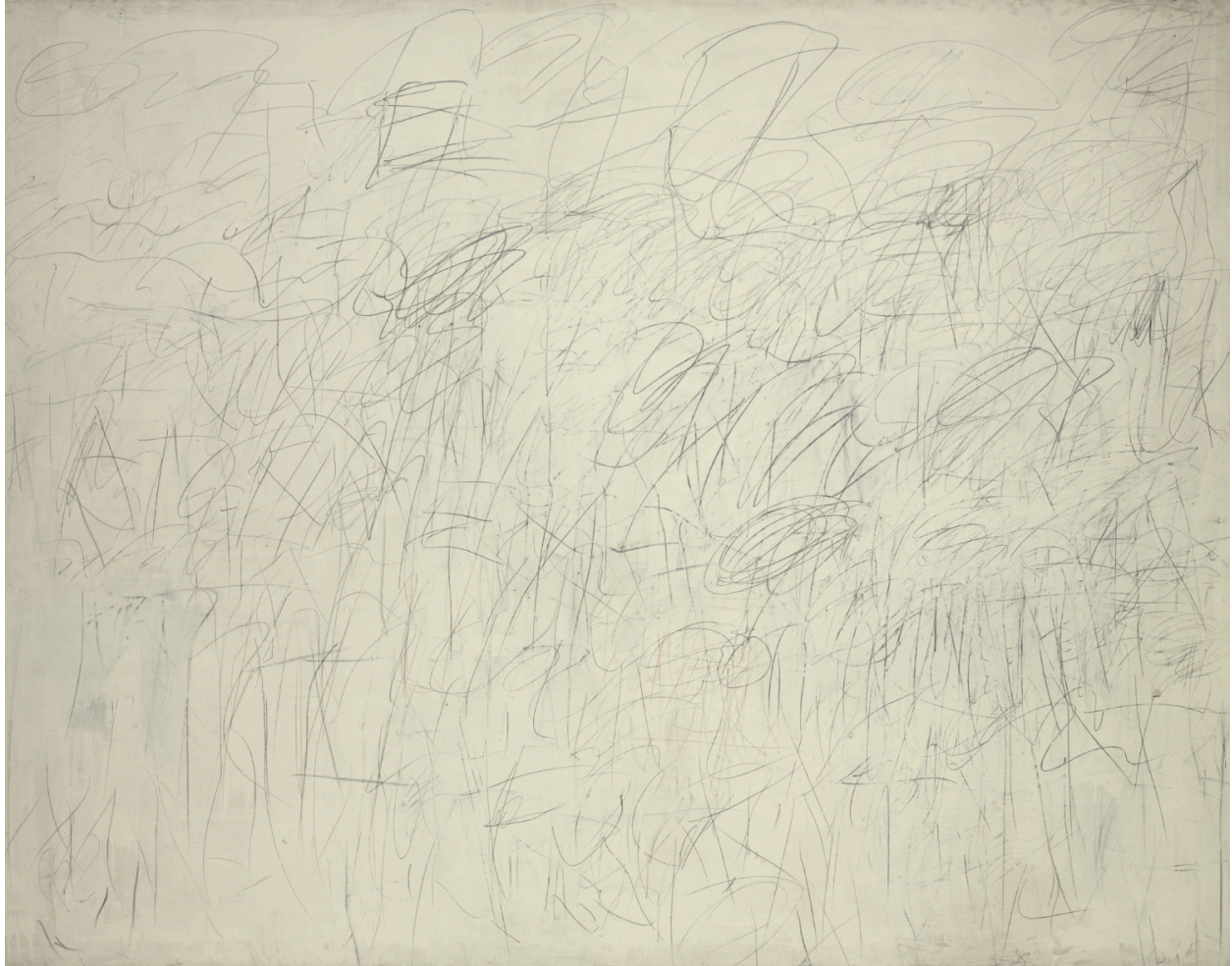
Then, write a secret love letter thinking of the ways you will find an outlet to express your love. Be as creative and ridiculous as possible.

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(Spanish Translation)

Actividad preparatoria: ¿Qué palabras o imágenes aparecen en tu mente cuando piensas en la frase “*acting out*” (desobedecer los límites)? Haz una lista de todas las palabras que se te ocurran.



Cy Twombly. *Academy*. New York 1955

[Cy Twombly Academy \(Academia de Cy Twombly\) Nueva York 1955](#)

Consigna de escritura: Reflexiona unos minutos sobre esta pintura y anota las palabras o frases que vengan a tu mente mientras la observas.

Consigna de escritura: Twombly utilizó técnicas antiguas de pintura y las combinó con estilos modernos. Hizo del pasado un presente. ¿Qué elementos recuperarías del pasado y cómo los aplicarías en la actualidad?

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Galería 405: Acting Out

Elige una obra de arte de la galería que despierte tu interés, por la razón que sea. ¿Cómo hizo el artista para romper las reglas de la pintura y de la creación artística? Haz una lista de lo que hayas notado.

Consigna de escritura: Haz una lista de objetos, formas o materiales que creas que la sociedad contemporánea considera valiosos.

Consigna de escritura: ¿Cómo desafiarías las formas socialmente aceptadas de usar estos objetos, materiales o elementos?

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Consigna de escritura:

Haz una breve lista de lo que amas (pueden ser personas, lugares, ideas, objetos, etc.). Elige una.

Luego, escribe una carta de amor secreta imaginando las formas en las que podrías encontrar una vía para expresarlo. Usa tu creatividad al máximo y no tengas miedo de hacer el ridículo.