

Understanding Others

If you want to know yourself,
Just look how others do it;
If you want to understand others,
Look into your own heart.

Tabulae Votivae (1797)

The following page has the “Understanding Others” poem and a space for the child to put their drawing.

Teacher Note: The following may be useful as a discussion starter on the topic of understanding others.

“We pass the word around; we ponder how the case is put by different people; we read the poetry; we mediate over the literature; we play the music; we change our minds; we reach an understanding. Society evolves this way, not by shouting each other down, but by the unique capacity of unique, individual human beings to comprehend others.”

Lewis Thomas