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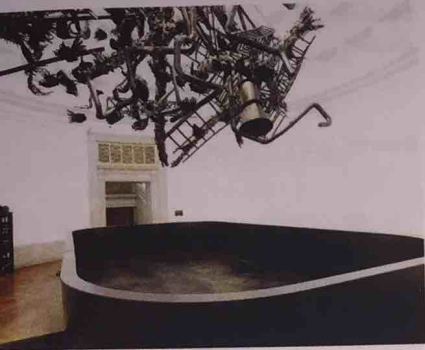
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*An Unkindness* by Mia Feuer, 2013, Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC

## FYI

The Keystone Pipeline is an oil pipeline system in Canada and the United States. It runs from Alberta to refineries in the United States.

## WATCHING

# The Oil Sands Art Exhibit

Can art be a catalyst that makes people contemplate and consider changing their way of life? The Oil Sands Art Exhibit has many people thinking about Canada's oil sands. Watch this news report to find out how art can move people to ask complicated questions.

## Discussion

Think about your daily routine and discuss these questions with a partner.

1. How many products do you use on a regular basis that contain oil or were made with oil?
2. Where does this oil come from?
3. How do you feel about the Fort McMurray oil sands in Alberta?
4. What do you know about the Keystone Pipeline?

## Vocabulary

Match each word or expression with its definition before you watch the news report.

1. timely (adj.)	a. confused or surprised
2. to praise (v.)	b. relevant to what is going on in the world
3. unsettling (adj.)	c. area of land
4. threatening (adj.)	d. to persist
5. raves (n.)	e. to express admiration
6. taken aback (exp.)	f. a contradictory statement that might be true
7. landscape (n.)	g. enthusiastic approval
8. to linger (v.)	h. dangerous, menacing
9. to try it on for size (exp.)	i. disturbing
10. a paradox (n.)	j. to test something and form an opinion about it

## Comprehension

1. What is the name of the art exhibition? Why do you think it is called this way?

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2. What does the artist want us to contemplate?

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3. What words are used to describe the art exhibition?

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4. What materials are used in her art exhibition?

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5. Circle T or F to indicate if each statement is true or false. If it is false, write the correct statement.

a. The art exhibition is "getting raves" means that the public doesn't really like or understand the exhibition.

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b. The purpose of the skating rink is to encourage people to have fun and to get into shape so they use less oil.

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c. What the artist saw in nature in Fort McMurray upset her.

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6. What is the paradox of an oily skating rink?

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7. What is Foyer's ultimate goal with this art exhibition?

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8. Explain Foyer's belief about the role of art in producing change in the world.

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## Discussion and Writing

1. Discuss the paradox surrounding our use of oil with a small group of students. Did the art exhibition change your beliefs? Do you have any ideas how we could use less oil?

2. Do you agree or disagree with this quote from the news report? Explain your answer. "Art that makes you consider complicated questions, art that is not just striking but provocative, might lead to answers."