Art Chats
Joslyn Art Museum

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Check out the artwork and the prompts, and start an artful discussion with the people you love. Great for all ages!

**PEOPLE WHO POSE**

**Look:**
A portrait of a princess! Carefully examine this sculpture—from the top of her head to rough edges of her broken arm—and jot down everything you notice.

What clues do you see that reveal something about the biography of Amernirdas?

When and where did she live?

What do you see that makes you say that?

**Discuss:**
If you could ask the sitter, Amernirdas, one question about her life, what would it be?

You might like to ask her about her brother, Piye, the first black pharaoh to rule ancient Egypt!

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