

# The Art Detective

Choose one work of art in this gallery and answer the following:

1. Name the title of this work of art.

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2. Can you think of a better name for this artwork?

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3. Is there anything unusual about this painting?

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4. What kind of material did the artist use to create this work of art?

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5. What kind of feelings do you get when you look at this painting?

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6. Is there anything in the painting you would like to change?

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7. Would you like to have this painting in your home? Why or why not?

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The National Art Standards addressed in this activity are: **Content Standard 1:** Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes; **Content Standard 3:** Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas; **Content Standard 5:** Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their work and the work of others. The PA Arts and Humanities Standards addressed in this activity are: **9.1.3 Production, Performance and Exhibition, 9.3.3 Critical Response,** and **9.4.3 Aesthetic Response.**



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# Weather Reporting with Pennsylvania Impressionist Paintings



## A C T I V I T Y S H E E T

### Tour Activity:

Does a sunny day in July look the same as a snowy day in January? Nature is always changing. Each season, time of day and kind of weather has its own special light and air. In the 1800's and 1900's, many artists painted pictures of the outdoors to show these changes.

Pretend you are a **weather reporter** giving the report on the weather in a painting. Find a painting in the galleries that you want to report on. Look carefully at the painting and decide what season and weather the artist has painted. Good weather reporters suggest how people should dress and what activities would be fun on such a day. Write your answers in the space below.

Title and Artist of painting: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Season: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dress: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Create a sketch of a landscape of your favorite season on the back of this paper. Use pastels or colored pencils for color.

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# Visual Heritage of Bucks County



Imagine that you are writing a letter to your French pal, Pierre. Tell him about the art history of Bucks County and what the landscape looks like. Use your memories of your recent trip to the Michener Art Museum.

Dear Pierre,

Bucks County has always been considered the \_\_\_\_\_. In the wintertime, we have lots of \_\_\_\_\_ and often use our \_\_\_\_\_. We have a beautiful river named the \_\_\_\_\_. Along the river is a small town named \_\_\_\_\_. Many artists lived in the area and painted many scenes of the local landscape.

Last year, I learned about the French Impressionists. Here in America, artists also paint in this style and are called \_\_\_\_\_. Edward Redfield enjoyed painting out of doors, or as you say it, \_\_\_\_\_.

My favorite painting at the James A. Michener Art Museum is \_\_\_\_\_, because:

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I'll write again, soon, with more news about the upcoming exhibits at the Michener. There are now two sites of the Michener to visit: the original location in Doylestown, and now a new location in New Hope!

Sincerely your pen pal,

The National Art Standard addressed in this activity is **Content Standard 4**: Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures. The Pennsylvania Arts and Humanities Standard addressed in this activity is: **9.2 Historical and Cultural Contexts**.

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