

J

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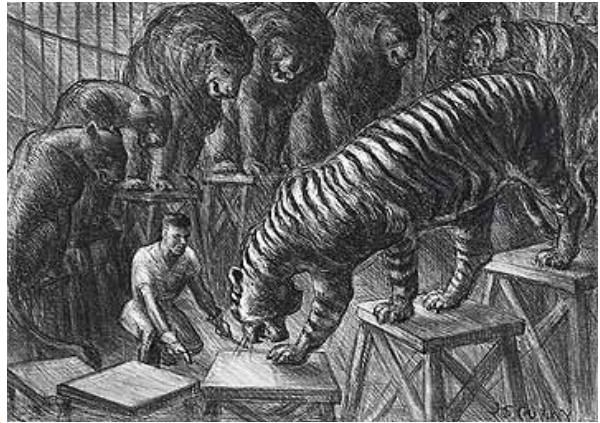
Do you know what this man's job is? He is a jockey. He is paid to race horses. The jockey looks small in comparison to the horse. Why do you think jockeys don't weigh very much? What else do you notice about the jockey? What skills would you need to race horses?

Would you like to be surrounded by lions and tigers?

To make the animal trainer's job look dangerous, the artist arranged the animals in a circle around him.

The stools lead your eye to the trainer. What do you think the tiger will do when he reaches the last stool?

What skills would you need to be an animal trainer?



Try these activities at home.

Compare this jockey sculpture with artworks depicting horse races such as *The Parade* (ca.1866-68) by Edgar Degas. The painting is owned by the Musée d'Orsay in Paris, France.

Draw yourself as a jockey, an animal trainer, or whatever you would like to be when you grow up.

K

is for Kerchief



A kerchief is an important article of clothing for a cowboy. It can be used to shield one's mouth from dust or one's neck from the sun. How else might a cowboy use a kerchief?

This boy is also wearing a hat and kerchief. Do you think he wants to be a cowboy? The red kerchief stands out against his dark clothes and the dark background. The bright color helps to draw attention to the boy's face.



Try this activity at home.

Do you have a kerchief? TRY wrapping, folding, twisting, and tying it. What else can you do with it?

L

is for Landscape



A landscape is a picture of nature. Some artists go outdoors and paint what they see. Others paint imaginary landscapes, including elements they like or think will be pleasing to others. Landscapes first became popular in Holland during the 17th century.

What do you see in the background of the painting?

The rainbow is a special element the artist included.

Would you like to take this road to explore the landscape?

Where do you think the road might lead?

To show the mountains are far away, the artist painted them lighter in color. The artist also used cooler colors (blues and purples) and painted the objects with fewer details. This technique is known as atmospheric perspective.



Try this activity at home.

Draw a real or imaginary landscape.

M is for Musician



A long time ago, musicians traveled from town to town. They were welcomed by people who did not have television or other forms of entertainment that we have today. This musician is playing a lute. A lute is strummed like a guitar.

Curved lines are important elements in this painting. How many can you find?

Texture is also important. What textures do you see? Are they smooth or rough?

This painting depicts a traveling musician called a troubadour. Troubadours were known for composing music and poetry during the medieval period in France.

The title of this painting is *Happy Hours*. How can you tell these women enjoy the music?

Look at the landscape. How does it look different from where you live?



Try these activities at home.

Find a picture of a lute. (Try the internet or library.)

Draw a picture of your favorite instrument or an instrument that you would like to play.

N

is for Night



Look at the bright moon and dark trees silhouetted against the night sky!
What colors did the artist use to make it look like nighttime?
Both pictures were painted by the same artist.
How are these paintings similar? How are they different?



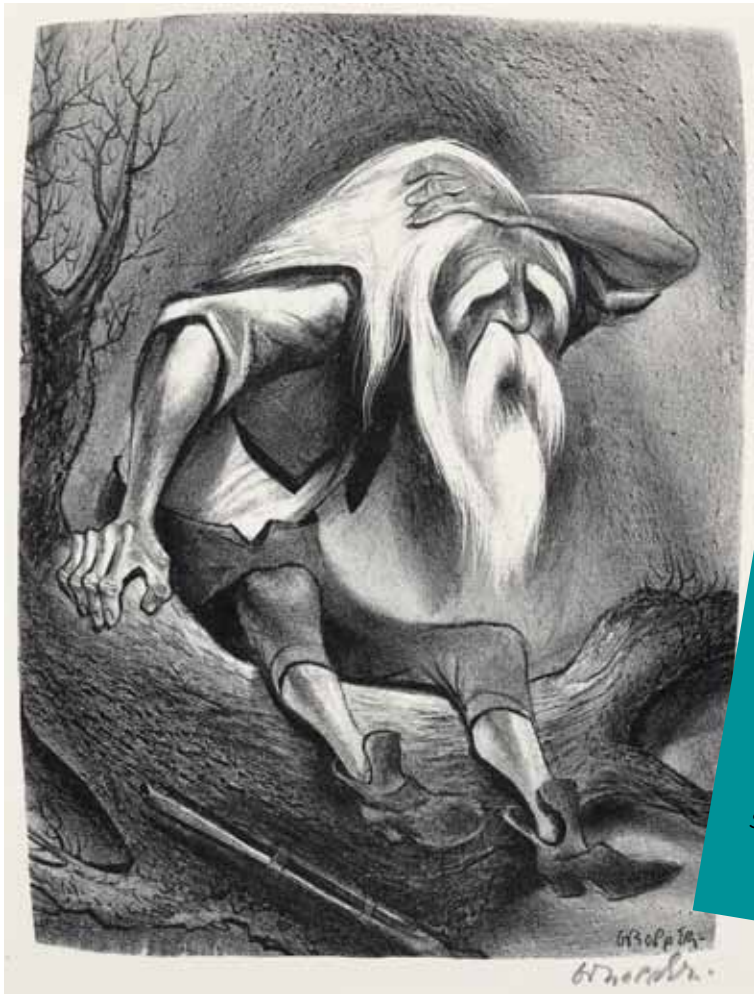
Try these activities at home.

Compare these nighttime scenes with Vincent van Gogh's famous painting *The Starry Night* (1889).

Draw a picture of trees silhouetted against a night sky.

O

is for Old



Rip Van Winkle is a character in a book written by Washington Irving. Rip fell asleep and slept for 20 years.

What if you fell asleep, and when you awoke you were 20 years older?

How did the artist show that Rip had aged during his nap?

In the story, Rip was surprised when he woke up.

How did the artist show Rip's surprise?

Try these activities at home.

Read an illustrated version of Washington Irving's famous tale such as *Rip Van Winkle* as retold by Carol Ottolenghi.

Does the log look like a cozy, comfortable space to take a nap? **Draw** your favorite place to take a nap.

P is for Pet

Isn't this little dog adorable? It's not surprising that this woman wanted the artist to include her pet in her portrait. Some people say dog owners often look like their dogs. What do you think?



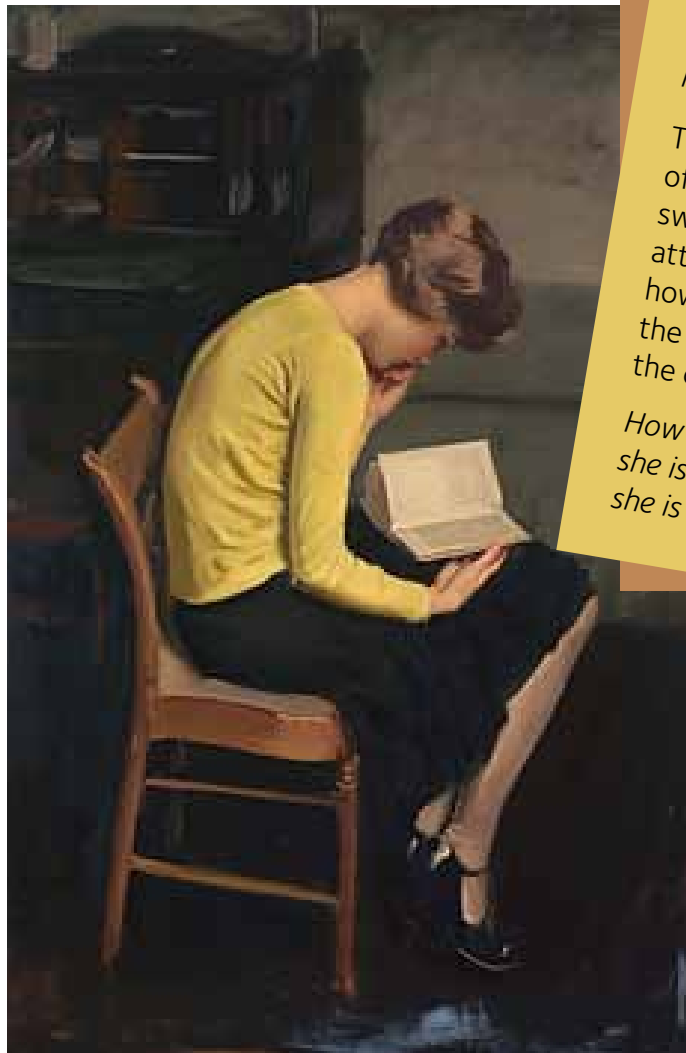
Do you know anyone who has a pet deer?
This little girl has both a fawn (a young deer) and a kitten for playmates.
What game is she playing with the fawn?
What is the cat playing with?
Do you think the fawn and kitten ever play together?

Try this activity at home.

Sketch your pet or an animal that you would like to have as a pet.

Q

is for Quiet



Do you have a quiet place in your home where you like to read? Why does this picture look quiet?

The bright yellow color of the young woman's sweater focuses your attention on her. Notice how she leans forward; the artist emphasized the curve of her back.

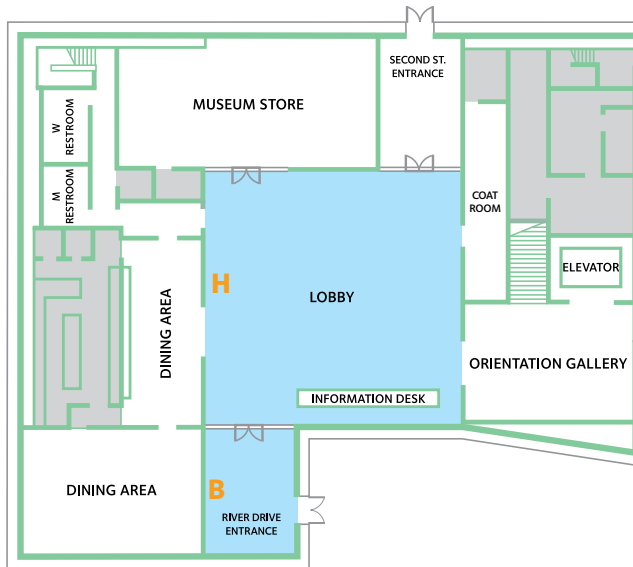
How else can you tell she is interested in what she is reading?

Try this activity at home.

Enjoy reading a book in your favorite quiet place!

Museum Map

LEVEL 1



LEVEL 2

