

City Life in America

Objective: To discover the uniqueness of turn of the century art.

Answer the following questions on one piece from the collection I have provided for you.

Name of piece / artist

Where are we? City or country? How do we know?

What time of year do you think this is? How do we know?

What colors do you see?

Can you find the complementary colors? Why do you think the artist put complementary colors in his painting? What do these colors tell you about life in the city in those days?

How does the artist create a sense of drama and movement?

What words would you use to describe the brushstrokes? Smooth, soft, fine? Or broad, thick, heavy? Do they suggest movement and action, or are they still and calm? What about directional lines? Where are the straight up and down lines (horizontals and verticals) and where are the diagonals? Which are more important? Why?

Sounds and Smells: If you were in this painting, what would the smells and noises be like?

Writing Activity:

Write a story about this scene from the point of view of some person in the piece: (1+ page -- typed)

14 Classwork / homework points