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WITH NEWFIELDS



Above: Jean-Antoine Watteau (French, 1684-1721), *The Country Dance* (detail), about 1706-10, oil on canvas, 19-1/2 x 23-5/8 in., Gift of Mrs. Herman C. Krannert, 74.98

Make a Scene with Watteau's *The Country Dance*

→ CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Look closely and discover details to write a story about the scene. Describe the poses, setting and music in your story. What can you find?

○ Time yourself – for one minute, write down all the details you see. How many did you write down? If you take another minute, how many more can you find?

○ View a larger version of this painting on page 2.

○ Create a telescope by rolling a piece of paper into a 1-inch tube or use a leftover paper towel tube. Look through your telescope to scan every part of the image.

→ SHARE IDEAS

Compare all the details you noticed with someone else who made a list.

○ What different details did you notice?

○ What details do you have in common?

○ Do the details you noticed stand out because of their size, location, color, or something else?

→ ABOUT THESE PAINTINGS

Watteau was a famous painter in the 18th Century. He is known for creating beautiful scenes of life in the country.

○ This painting may be one of Watteau's first works of art.

○ In the 18th Century, many people visited fairs and country dances, so they enjoyed scenes of country life in art, stories, and plays.

→ BE CREATIVE

Pose like the painting:

Ask family members to pose like the figures in the painting. Take a picture and share it with Newfields on social media using [#DiscoverNewfields](#).

Add some sound:

On your own: Find and make the sounds you might hear in the scene, such as wind, a musical instrument, and more.

Set the stage:

Write a play in three acts. Consider what happened before, during and after this scene and include the details and sounds you observed. Perform your play with your family.

With two or more people: Have each person identify a sound, and, starting on the count of three, make your sounds. Try making a new sound every few seconds.



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