

Gallery Activity: The Five Senses

Focus: To explore landscapes by imagining what would have been seen, heard, felt, tasted, and smelled as if one were in the place shown.

Description:

- Find a painting that shows a scene or landscape that you would like to visit.
- Discuss with the group or participants: If you could visit the place shown, what would you see? Hear? Feel? Taste? Smell? What is the weather like? What time of day is it and how do you know?

Tips

- This activity works well individually or in pairs.

Extensions

- Write a poem or short story about your visit to the landscape.

Suggested Artwork:



Andrew Wyeth, *Back Way*,
Watercolor, 1982, 83.6, Gift of
Mrs. John D. West



James Cook, *Kansan Rainstorm*, Oil,
1982, 83.18, Gift of Mrs. John D. West



Harold Altman, *Jardin du Luxembourg II*, lithograph, 1980, Gift of Mrs. John D. West, 82.197.1