

Clues to Looking at Art

Everyday Scenes:

An everyday scene depicts people doing something that they do often, such as working, playing, or relaxing. Where the people are and what they are doing are more important than who they are. Everyday scenes represent the way a whole group of people work and play.

Everyday scenes can be grouped together by:

Artworks of people working

Artworks of people relaxing

Artworks of people in the city

Artworks of people in the country

Can you find other groupings?

Clues:

The place, time of day, clothes, poses, and expressions all tell us about the lives of the people in the paintings.

Activities:

Select an artwork and imagine a story about the people in it. Answer the following:

1. What are they doing?
2. Who are they with and why?
3. What are they saying or thinking?
4. What did they do before this moment?
5. What might they do next?
6. How do they feel?

After answering these questions, what similar questions come to mind that can be answered by works in this category?