

Clues to Looking at Art

Landscapes/ Seascapes:

Landscape art depicts a place with scenery such as the country, the city, the mountains, and the woods. The sky is almost always included in the view, and weather usually is an element of the composition. A **seascape** is a work of art that depicts and focuses on the sea or ocean. Sometimes there are people in landscapes or seascapes, but they are only a small part of the overall scene.

Landscapes/ Seascapes can be grouped together by:

Works of art that show the city

Works of art that show the same season of the year

Works of art that show the same time of day

Can you find other groupings?

Clues:

The weather and the time of day help convey the mood in a landscape. This is directly associated with how it makes us feel. Think of the kind of weather that makes you feel good. We often look up at the sky for clues about the weather. This in turn affects our mood. Compare the different ways artists paint clouds and skies.

Activities:

Choose a landscape or seascape.

1. How would you move through it?
2. Is there a clear path the artist wants you to follow?
3. What does it feel like under your feet?
4. Name 2 sounds that you would hear.
5. Can you smell anything?
6. Name something that you would like to do there.
7. Name somewhere that you would like to be.

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