

# Art A Day CHALLENGE: Imagine Twilight

## Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

We challenge you to an art activity each day of the School Closure! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us in the comments and on Instagram @WCMFA and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE

**Stuff you'll Need:** Paper/or canvas; scrap paper, glue, paint (optional), crayons, pastels, markers, anything else you want to use! If available: Paper, crayons, watercolor, yellow paper, scissors, and glue.



### Words you need to know:

**Mixed Media:** A variety of materials, or mediums, used to create one piece of artwork

**Tone:** The lightness or darkness of something – this could be a shade, or how dark or light a color appears.

**Mood:** the general atmosphere, or state of mind and feelings, that a work of **art** generates.

### What you need to do:

**LOOK:** Look at the oil painting to the left by Dwight William Tryon called *Night*, 1913. Where is the light coming from? Notice the **tone** it creates. What mood does it set?

Where do your eyes want to go first? How does that one lit window make you feel? Why is that so powerful?

Now look below at William Singer Jr.'s painting called *Christmas Eve*, 1928. How are the colors different from the painting above? What is the **mood**? Observe where the light is coming from and how it effects the areas around it and creates **tone** on the rest of the landscape. For example, look at the lights in the windows and how it reflects on the water.

**THINK:** Imagine your neighborhood, someplace special to you, or invent a town/city/village. Are there lots of buildings or just a few? Chances are you pictured that place in the day time. Close your eyes and imagine it at night. What windows are still lit up? Are you inside a house or outside? What **mood** does the darkness create? Is it silent, is it busy with cars? Is it spooky? Is it peaceful? Is it a special night or just a normal evening?

**MAKE:** Create your nighttime picture. Remember to show the lit up spaces like windows, the moon, street lights. Use this light to give your creation a **tonal** quality. Feel free to make a **mixed media** piece and use any art materials you have to create this challenge. Include what happens at night outside of this place. Is it peaceful and calm like the picture to the right? Is there a huge full moon or a skinny crescent?

Hint if available: Use crayons to color yellow/white lit up areas. Apply the crayon liberally. Draw the rest of the scene as well. Paint over the entire painting with very dark colors-watercolor only! Watch what happens. Another Hint: Cut square out of yellow paper. Glue them into the windows.

**SHARE:** POST your creation in the comments on FACEBOOK and Tag @WCMFA on Instagram and use the hashtag # ARTaDayCHALLENGE



