

Art A Day CHALLENGE: Fowl Play

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

We challenge you to an art activity each day during school closures! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us in the comments and on Instagram @WCMFA and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE. The order you complete the challenges is up to you!

Stuff you'll need: Materials are up to you! Read through the challenge and make your decision based on your idea!

Words you need to know:

Texture: The way something feels or looks like it would feel

Landscape: a picture representing land. The **foreground** of a landscape is the part that appears closest to the viewer, while the **background** is the area that is furthest from the viewer. The **middleground** is the section located between both the **foreground** and **background**.

LOOK at all of the different types of birds in front of the landscapes. Look at each of the birds and observe the texture of the many different types of feathers. Compare the feathers of the different birds and observe the difference between them. Just because they all have feathers, does not mean they all look alike. There are different patterns, variations of sizes of texture marks, and different directions of lines.



THINK: Notice that the artist arranged the birds to form an interesting composition, just like a still life. Some of these birds, like the peacock, were symbols of wealth and royalty. Why do you think someone would want to have this hanging on their walls? What kind of people would pay to have this painting created? What do you think they would want other people to think about them?



MAKE: Find a picture of an animal or look at your own pets. Create a drawing, painting, sculpture, or photograph that explores this animal's unique texture. Make sure that you are creating the lines and patterns in the correct direction. Optional: Create multiple animals together to show the difference in their textures. How would a cat's fur look different from a fish's scales or a long haired dog's fur look different from a dog with curly hair? Any combination can work!

Writing Prompt Extension: Create a poem that describes the texture in your drawing without telling the reader what you are talking about!

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Peacock, Chickens, and Pigeons
in Landscape, 18th Century

Oil on Canvas