

# Art A Day

## CHALLENGE: Transforming Tea Time

### 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:** Read through the challenge to decide...the materials you use are up to you!

#### Words you need to know:

**Functional art** serves a purpose and has a job to do.

**LOOK** at this collection of objects in a leather covered traveling case. Sometimes **functional** objects are so beautifully designed, they end up in art museums! This is a picnic tea set created by a British designer, Christopher Dresser, who was inspired by the arts of Japan. The kettles are made out of silver plated white metal with split bamboo handles. Not only is the bamboo pleasing to the eye, but it is also **functional**. The bamboo handles help protect hands from the heat of the pot. The cups are made out of porcelain, and the leather covered traveling case is lined with velvet.



**THINK** about who you imagine would use such a fancy picnic tea set! What would they wear? Where would they go? Think about how the designer was influenced by the arts of Japan after visiting Japan. After visiting a new place, were you influenced by the objects, clothes, and fashions in the area?

Christopher Dresser, designer

British, 1834-1904

Leuchars & Sons, ests. 1798; Hukin and Heath, est. 1855;

Worcester Royal Porcelain, est. 1751

*Picnic Tea Service*, 1891

#### **MAKE** your own tea set design!

Imagine you are going on a picnic with your favorite artist or musician. What would the tea set look like?

How would it reflect the artist or musician's signature style? Make sure that it not only has style and is pleasing to the eye, but is **functional** as well.

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**Writing Extension:** Write a conversation that would take place while using this picnic tea service. Include the setting-where would you have your picnic?

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