

THE
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GALLERY

TAKE ONE PICTURE

CHILDREN INSPIRED BY GEORGE BELLOWS,
MEN OF THE DOCKS

Family Trail



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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Children from SS Peter and Paul RC Primary School drew their first thoughts about the painting.

Visit nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/george-bellows-men-of-the-docks to see the painting online.

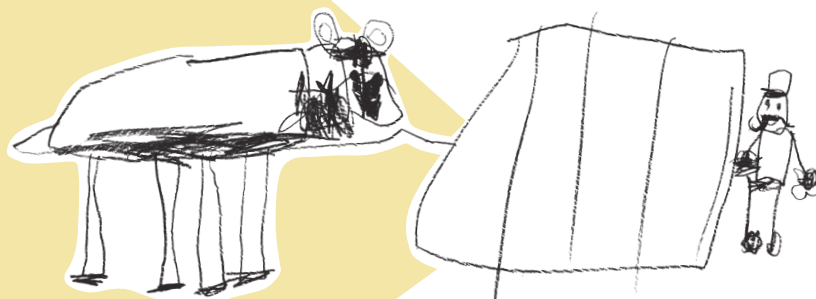
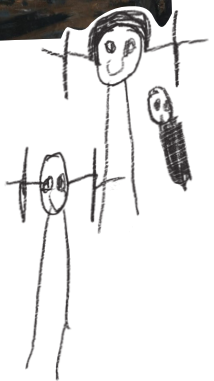
What can you see?

What are your first thoughts?

Is there anything that stands out?

DRAW YOUR IDEAS HERE

GEORGE BELLOW'S
(1882-1925)
Men of the Docks, 1912



IMAGINE A JOURNEY

George Betts Primary Academy
focused on boats and portholes
to make their artwork.

Imagine you are travelling on a
boat and looking out of a porthole.

Finish the sentences below.

If I were travelling on a boat...

I would go to _____

I would go with _____

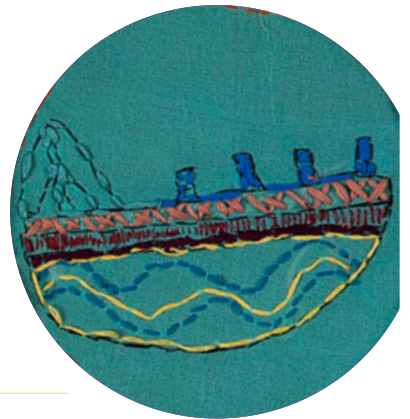
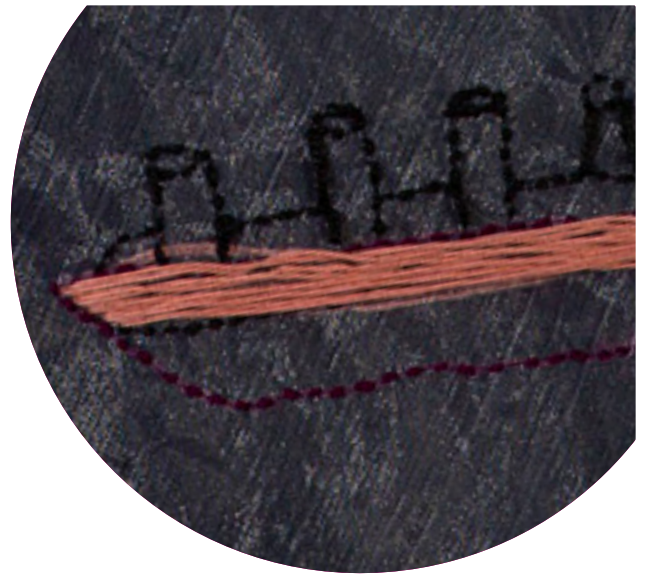
I would take _____

I would feel _____

I would hear _____

I would see _____

I would smell _____



SKETCH A SKYLINE

West London Free School Primary looked at the skyscrapers in the painting and printed their own local buildings.



Draw your own skyline here...

Have you ever seen buildings like the ones in the painting before?

STRIKE A POSE

Children from Ramsgate Art Primary School posed as if they were working on the docks and 'drew' around each other with torches.

Can you imagine what types of jobs the men would have been doing?

Act them out and draw your poses below.



How do you think the men would have been feeling?

WRITE A POEM

Oakwood Primary School decided to write acrostic poems inspired by *Men of the Docks*. In an acrostic poem, the first letter of each line spells a word!

Can you write your own acrostic poem about the painting?

Fill in one line starting with each of the letters below.

D

O

C

K

S

TOP TIP:

Look at the painting closely.
You might like to think about what
could be happening, or what might
happen next!

EXTENSION:
Why not try writing
an acrostic poem
starting with another
word from the
painting?