

Missouri Capitol Mural: 3rd/4th Grade, Reactions

1. Why do you think Thomas Hart Benton accepted/wanted to paint a mural for the Missouri state capitol?
2. What would it take for you to consider creating something for an important people or government place?
3. How do you think Thomas Hart Benton decided what he was going to include in his mural?
4. What items do you see? (List them out)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8.
 - 9.
 - 10.
5. Describe the people you see:
 - a. What are they wearing?
 - b. What do their faces express?
 - c. How are they positioned (standing/seated/working/resting etc.)?
 - d. What are the occupations of the people shown?
 - e. What are the ages?
6. What do you think the time period shown in the painting was like?
 - a. Support your response with clues or evidence from the painting.
7. Who do you think is NOT shown in this piece that should be there?
8. Why do you think this type of person was not shown?
9. Who would you include or add to this piece if you were an artist?
10. What would you have that person be doing?
11. What would you want that person to represent?
12. How would you hope that people would respond to your art?