



## Interactive Exercise: Step In, Step Out, Step Back

Artworks can offer an opportunity to consider different perspectives. Artists are intentional about how they depict people alone or in groups. Spending time to look carefully at expressions, body language, and contextual clues in figural artwork can help students consider perspectives from the past. Use this interactive exercise to guide students as they explore a work by Winslow Homer, creatively document the ideas it presents to them, and consider how their thoughts connect with the artist's own ideas and intentions.

<b>Grade Level:</b>	College, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, Teacher Professional Development
<b>Collection:</b>	American Art
<b>Culture/Region:</b>	America
<b>Subject Area:</b>	African American, Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking, Fine Arts, History and Social Science, Visual Arts
<b>Activity Type:</b>	Distance Learning, Engagement Activity

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Spending time with artworks that depict people can help us consider different perspectives. Give it a try with an artwork from VMFA's American Art collection.

You don't have to be a scholar or an art specialist to take a closer look and think carefully about this artwork. All you will need is a little bit of time, some curiosity, your imagination, and something to write with! Just click through the slides below.

For the best experience, please click on the full screen icon to view.

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### Other Objects to Try

You may want to try this Step In, Step Out, Step Back approach with some other artworks in the VMFA collection. What do you think of these?

#### **On the Beach, Boulogne-sur-Mer**

Édouard Manet, French, 1832 - 1883 (Artist)



**Untitled #25**

Sammy Baloji, Congolese, born 1978 (Artist)



**Black-figured Amphora (Storage Vessel)**

attributed to a painter of, Group E, Greek, active 560 - 540 BC (Artist)



**Kids**

George Bellows, American, 1882 - 1925 (Artist)



**On the Rio Grande (Rio Grande November)**

Walter Ufer, American, 1876 - 1936 (Artist)





**Qin Opera of Qin Xianglian**

Wang Xijing 王西京, 1946- (Artist)



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