



## Discovering Art — Huntington Gallery Colors Warm and Cool

*Grades K – 3*

### INTRODUCTION

Color is the element that usually catches your attention first and is often what you remember most about a work of art. An artist may use color to call attention to a particular part of his/her work or to communicate a feeling. Some colors remind us of warm things like fire and sun. Some colors remind us of cool things like water and forests.

**DIRECTED LEARNING:** *Eruption of Vesuvius As Seen From Portici,*  
Thomas Wright of D'Arby  
*River Scene: Bathers and Cattle,* Richard Wilson

### USING *Vesuvius*:

- Introduce students to the idea of warm/hot and cool/cold colors. Give examples of warm/hot colors such as the color of fire and sun or cool/cold colors such as the color of water and forests.
- Have the students name some warm/hot colors and give examples.
- Have the students name some of the colors that they see in this painting.
- What words describe the way the colors in this painting make you feel?
- If you were in this painting, where would you be, and how would you feel?

### TURN TO *River Scene*:

- Remind the students of the cool/cold colors you talk about in the introduction to the lesson
- Have students name some cool/warm colors and give examples.
- Have the students name some of the colors they see in this painting.
- What words describe the way the colors in this painting make you feel?
- If you were in this painting, where would you be, and how would you feel?
- Of the two paintings, which painting would you like to hang over your bed and why?