

Teacher Instructions

Step 1: Familiarize yourself with the Teacher Introduction materials for “Meet the Artist” and “Introduction to His Fight’s Horse Raid.” For upper grades, students may read the introduction materials themselves.

Step 2: Show students the full-page image of the painting. Explain to students that this is a painting by an artist named His Fight that tells a story. Ask them to identify some of the things they see in the painting such as tipis, horses, and people. Provide additional information from the introduction materials.

Step 3: For elementary students, read “His Fight’s Horse Raiding Story” and have them point out the related scenes and answer the questions. Use “His Fight’s Horse Raiding Story and Key” to help students understand and analyze the painting. On the actual painting, the story begins in the upper right-hand corner.

Step 4: For upper elementary through high school students, use the “Create Your Own Narrative Art” activity to have students apply the knowledge they have derived from His Fight’s painting tradition to draw or paint their own personal story.

Remember, students should not use Lakota symbols but instead use their own symbols to tell a story that is important to them today.

Glossary of Terms

Linguistically: Adverb – with respect to language

Narrative: Noun – a spoken or written account of connected events; a story; the narrated parts of a literary work, as distinct from dialogue; the practice or art of telling stories; a representation of a particular situation or process so as to reflect or conform to an overarching set of aims or values

Adjective – the form of or something concerned with narration

Pictorial: Adjective – expressed in pictures; illustrated

Noun – newspaper or periodical with pictures as a main feature

Pigment: Noun – the natural coloring matter of animal or plant tissue; a substance used for coloring or painting, especially a dry powder that, when mixed with oil, water, or another medium, constitutes a paint or ink

Verb – color something with or as if with pigment

Profile: Noun – an outline of something, especially a person’s face, as seen from one side

Prowess: Noun – skill or expertise in a particular activity or field; bravery in battle

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