



What differences do you notice between the colors in the foreground and the colors in the background?

Sample Response: The distant mountains and the water are fuzzy greenish-gray shapes. The nearer cornfield, trees, and grasses are made up of brighter, richer colors.

What can you say about the level of detail in the painting? Is it the same overall, or do some spots show more detail than others? Explain.

Sample Response: There is more detail in the foreground. You can clearly see the farmers' facial expressions and practically every leaf on the tree. In contrast, the background is blurry and does not have as much detail.

What difference would it make if the colors and the level of detail were the same throughout the whole painting?

Sample Response: The variations of color and detail allow a painter to create the effect of aerial perspective. Without these visual contrasts, everything would appear to be on the same plane, causing the images to look flat.

