

# *Knight's Farm, Winter* by Arthur Meltzer



## Looking Questions:

- What time of year is it? Support your answer.
- What colors did the artist use?
- Identify what objects you can find in the foreground, middle ground, and background.
- Why did the artist choose not to include people?
- What words describe the mood of this painting?
- What elements used by the artist help to create this mood? (Color, line, point of view?)

## Activity #1: A Snowy Day

Imagine that today is a snow day. Using another piece of paper, draw a picture showing what you would be doing outdoors. (Making a snow angel or a snowman, sledding, snowboarding, skiing, building a snow fort, etc). Use paint or colored pencils for color.

## Activity #2: Create a Viewfinder

Using two L-shaped pieces of cardboard, create a **viewfinder**. A viewfinder is a very important tool artists use in creating their work. Use this viewfinder to find a section of this painting with interesting shapes. Make a large, abstract drawing with oil pastels of just this section. Change the colors.

## Activity #3: It's in the Name

Knight's Farm was named after the Knight family. Research the names of local places (your school, your town, landmarks, rivers, lakes, etc.) that have been named after individuals or groups, for example, the Native Americans.

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