

Untitled (Night Snow Scene) by George Sotter



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Looking Questions:

- What do you see in this painting? Discuss all the details you can find.
- Where does your eye travel to first when you look at this painting? Why?
- What time of night is it? Early evening? Mid or late evening?
- Who lives in this house?
- Which parts of this painting are light? Dark?
- Where is the direction of the moon coming from?
- What is our point of view in this painting? Where are we standing?
- If you had to tell a story about this landscape, what would it be? Who would your characters be?

Activity #1: Create a Nightscape

Create a landscape using paints that depicts a scene at night. Think about what season it will also portray. How will your colors be different from a landscape during the daytime? What other elements will be different?

Activity #2: Tell the Story

Write a story from the perspective of someone coming upon this house when traveling during the night, or someone living in this house. What would your story include? Describe your story using words that describe the five senses (smell, taste, sight, touch and sounds) to enhance the stories details!

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