



Kimbell Kids From Home

Schooling at Home

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The Geography Lesson

During the reign of Napoleon, many children were expected to study world geography to keep up with the expanding French empire. Explore how the details tell a story here.

Characters... Who is represented here? Describe their expressions. What is their relationship? What does their clothing tell us about them?

Setting... Where are they? List all the different objects you recognize. Do you have a room like this at home? What's similar or different?

Plot... Put the clues together to figure out what's happening here. What will happen next?

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Drawing Challenge

Draw your at-home teacher and classmates (siblings) working on a lesson at your kitchen table or wherever “school” is happening at your house. All you need is regular paper and pencils, crayons, or markers!

You might include a self-portrait, using a mirror to carefully study your features.

Add important props to represent your favorite subject! What other details help to show your schooling-at-home experience? Is there a favorite pet to help your studies?

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Explore, Write, Compare

Zoom in closer to see the details in the maps on the table. Which part of the world shows up in several places? Where would you like to travel?

Write a story from the perspective of one of the objects in the room. What would the globe, candlestick, or slipper tell us about life in this home?

Add some thought bubbles for fun! What do you think each character is thinking?

Meet some other young people represented in the Kimbell's collection ([May Sartoris](#), [Allen Brothers](#), [Anna Ward](#)). How are their portraits different?

Art in order of appearance

Louis-Léopold Boilly (French, 1761–1845), *The Geography Lesson*, 1812. Kimbell Art Museum

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