

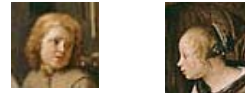
## DETAIL DETECTIVE—ACTIVITY # 2

### Go to the East Pavilion, Upper Level, Gallery E203

This is one of two detail detective activities for two paintings in adjacent rooms. Pick one activity, or if one of the paintings is not on display, then do the other activity for the painting that is on display.

#### TEACHER/CHAPERONE READ ALOUD:

- This is a painting created by an artist named Jan Steen. It was painted over 300 years ago. He shows two children, a boy and a girl, during an art lesson. Can you find them?



- Looking at art takes practice. When you look at art you need to look closely, like a detective does, to see all of the details.
- Pretend you are a detective. Look at the list of objects on the right side and see if you can find them in the painting. When you find the object, circle it on the picture on the left.



Title: The Drawing Lesson  
Artist: Jan Steen (Dutch)  
Date: 1665  
Medium: Oil on canvas

Plaster foot



Fur muff



Sword



Glass bottle



Book



Violin



Cup



Palette (an oval board used by an artist to hold and mix paint)



Easel (Something an artist uses to hold a picture)



Paint brushes and pencils



Plaster angel



- If the boy and girl could speak to you from the studio, what do you think they would say?  
Share your ideas as a group.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR TEACHER/CHAPERONE:**

- In this painting, the artist Jan Steen shows the inside of an artist's studio. In 17th-century Holland, there were no art schools, so artists taught students in their studios. Before a student could learn how to paint, he or she first had to learn to draw by using plaster casts as models.
- There are many props in the studio that an artist would use, including various plaster casts, musical instruments, and books. In the picture, we see a variety of art instruments and materials, including an easel, stretched canvas, charcoal, brushes, pencils, and a palette. The sculpture of an ox is a symbol of Saint Luke, the patron saint of painters.
- Jan Steen was a Dutch artist who lived from 1626 to 1679.

