Tweed Museum of Art

50 Stories in Art

Activity 6

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The story of the Prodigal Son is a story from the New Testament. It is about a boy who wanted all his father's money. When his father gave it to him, he left home and foolishly spent all the money. When the son returned home he thought that his father would be mad. Instead, his father was happy to see him and forgave him.

In this print, Thomas Hart Benton tells us the story in a new way. He puts the story in the American midwest during the Great Depression of the 1930s. During that time many people left their farms to tried to find jobs in the big cities.

How is this picture different from the story? How is it the same?
If you were telling the story of this work of art, what would you call it?
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What would you add? _______________________________________________________________________
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What would you change? _______________________________________________________________________
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