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50 STORIES IN ART

activity 7

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Arnold Friberg  
(American)  

*Mounted Policeman and Guide in Canoe*  
1960  
oil on canvas, 33" x 26"  
Gift of Potlatch Corporation

This painting tells a story of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or mountie as he is called. It was painted by Arnold Friberg who also painted 208 other Mountie paintings for the Potlatch Paper Company. It took him 33 years to paint them all.

In each painting, Friberg used bright red for the Mountie’s coat.

The Mounties started working in Canada a long time ago (1893). They had many jobs including policemen, mailmen, judges, firefighters, doctors and dentists. They were also friends to the people on the Canadian frontier.
This painting of a Mountie was a symbol of honesty, integrity and strength for the Potlatch Paper Company, in Cloquet, MN. Become a Mountie and draw yourself and a friend in a canoe in the Canadian Rockies.