

Creative writing challenge: oil painting

Here's a picture of an oil painting in the museum's collection. The oil painting shows a scene of a shepherd with a small flock of sheep on the downs, with the moon rising. It was painted by William Henry Gore around 1914 and was exhibited at the Royal Academy of Art in London. William lived in Newbury from 1890 to his death in 1942. He was a successful Victorian artist with 29 of his works displayed at the Royal Academy between 1882 to 1900. He was elected a member of the Royal Society of British Artists in 1893.

Imagine you're an art historian and have to write a description of this painting and the artist for an exhibition catalogue. You might like to research online about farming and shepherds in the Victorian and Edwardian eras as well as the artist himself, William Henry Gore.

