

Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, by John Trumbull
Artwork Viewing Guide- Sample Student Answers

Artwork	Specific Evidence from the Painting	Complete Sentence
What do you think is going on in this painting?	A group of men working together on writing and reviewing a document	I think that this painting is a representation of the group of men who wrote the Declaration of Independence.
What is the issue on which it is focusing?	The document at the center of the table	This painting is focusing on the paper and the people who were coming up with ideas together to write.
What is the action that is taking place?	Teamwork by a small and large group of men	The action in the painting is the writing process of the Declaration of Independence to include many different opinions.
Do you see any familiar people or objects?	Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, feather pens	In the painting, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin are included because they were leaders who helped write the Declaration of Independence. I also see a feather pen and that means it was from a long time ago.
Painting – Additional Notes/Evidence from Group Discussion		