

MAKE A STORY



Gustave Baumann, *Playroom Symposium*, before 1915, opaque watercolor, 18 × 14 in. Gift of Jane Baumann, 1978 (3908.23P).

ART CAN HELP YOU WRITE STORIES

Gustave Baumann was an artist of many talents, including painting, printmaking, and furniture making. *Playroom Symposium* is the title of both a watercolor (above) and a woodcut he made later. Writing about works of art is a creative way to spark ideas for writing stories.

- **Use your imagination to write a story about *Playroom Symposium*. Use the questions here to help you look at the art more closely and guide your writing.**
- What is the setting? Where is this taking place?
- Who are the characters?
- What is the plot? What is happening in this “symposium of toys”?
- Do the toys have an owner?
- What led up to this scene? What do you think happened right before this scene? How did the toys get here?
- What do you think will happen next?

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COLOR YOUR OWN VERSION OF *PLAYROOM SYMPOSIUM*!

