Mark Twain was an author who lived in Hartford a long time ago. He had a big beautiful house that he filled with lots of art. Let’s explore the work of an artist he really liked!

Describe this work of art. What do you see? What is the subject? Where is this happening?

How do you think this art was made? What colors does the artist use? How do you think the artist wants you to feel when you look at this work of art?

How does this painting make you feel? Do you think the artist was successful?
The art you looked at is a painting by a woman named Candace Wheeler.

Would you choose this piece to display at your home? If so, why? Where would you hang it up?

Candace Wheeler made lots of different kinds of art. She made art you could put in a frame and hang on the wall, but she also made art you could paste right on the wall itself. Let’s take a look at some of that art next.
This is an example of some wallpaper that Candace Wheeler designed. Let’s do some more art detective work with it.

Describe what you see in the wallpaper. What colors has our artist used? Why do you think she chose them?

Do you have anything like this on the walls where you live? Would you like to have this wallpaper on the walls in your bedroom?
Now let’s compare these two works of art by Candace Wheeler.

Name three ways they are alike.

Name three ways they are different.

What have we learned about Candace Wheeler from exploring her artwork?