



WI. VETERANS MUSEUM

Everyday Art

Grade Level: 3-5

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students Will:

- Learn about Zingale and his art from WWII
- Talk about the activities that are seen in the art
- Do some of the actions to see how it feels

BACKGROUND

Santos Zingale, painter and art educator, grew up on the East Side of Milwaukee, where even as a child he would draw and sketch the neighborhood children. From 1927-1931, Zingale attended and received his Bachelor's Degree from the Milwaukee State Teachers College, now the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee.

From 1944-1946, Zingale was in the U.S. Navy, where he produced sketches of life aboard the U.S.S. *Bremerton*.

SUPPLIES

- Potatoes, (or any peelable-vegetable) peelers, large pot or bowl
- Wash basin/tub, fabric to wash
- Book, musical instruments
- Fabric, needle, and thread
- Stools and glasses/cups

RESOURCES

- MOWA: Museum of Wisconsin Art
<http://www.wisconsinart.org/archives/artist/santos-zingale/profile-193.aspx>
- WVM Traveling Art Exhibit Program
<https://wisvetsmuseum.com/artwork/santos-zingale-artist-turned-sailor/>
- Video from the 1940's about how to handle women in industrial jobs:
<https://youtu.be/VqEr6TO9ubg>



DIRECTIONS

Look at Zingale images from his time on the U.S.S. *Bremerton*

- What roles are the men on the ship taking on (cook, tailor/mender, etc.)? Are some of these roles different on the ship than they would be on land? *Hint: who does the cooking, mending, or wash at your house?
- How many different activities are the men participating in? What do you think they are talking/thinking about?

Have activity stations set up for students to rotate through and try some of the activities they see in the drawings.

- **Group Activities**
 - Peeling potatoes
 - Sitting at a counter eating or drinking
 - Washing clothes
- **Individual Activities**
 - Mending
 - Reading
 - Playing music

Ask for student responses to the activities

- How did you feel when you were doing the activity?
- What do you think/talk about?
- Would you draw pictures of people doing these activities? Why or why not?

