

The Drawing Lesson (1870)

Abstract

This color lithograph, created around 1870, depicts a young girl with her tutor at a drawing lesson. Both her clothing and the setting of a magnificent garden, as well as the fact that her parents employ a tutor, identify the girl as the daughter of a wealthy noble or upper middle-class family. However, the instruction that bourgeois and aristocratic girls received at this time was limited to such skills as would prepare them to manage a household and be a good hostess capable of pleasant conversation. Bourgeois girls in particular did not benefit from the general expansion of the educational system in the 19th century, which increased educational opportunities for many boys.

Source



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