

1. Reflection on American Sources Experiences

2. Peter Blume
3. The Rock (1944)



4. When I first saw Peter Blume's painting I thought it was just a construction sight in the olden days and I didn't think anything of the rock in the center or the decaying house on the right. But after doing my research and learning this is for post World War II and how even though people got hurt during this time they still came back and starting to come together and rebuild everything. After doing my research and learning about the bombing in London and the new construction built by the children and other people it allowed me to see Blume's painting in reality.

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6. Art does and will always impact and influence the way I understand and view the world after going through the American Sources Experience. My view on the world and artwork has become more clear because I look more deeper into pieces of art now and it allows me to ask more sophisticated and thorough questions to better understand the painting and the world. With my choice of painting *The Rock*, which at first I thought was only a construction sight but when I furthered my questioning and research I learned that this symbolized World War II. After finding out this piece of information it taught me to view art in a different way because I learned art can symbolize real world situations and tell a story of historical events. For all the artworks we studied and viewed during this experience has impacted the way I see the world involving the history of it. I learned many time periods and major historical events that has immensely impacted society and how it is today. Through my peers' presentations I learned, about World War II and The Great Migration, segregation, and so much more. For example from Ellison's Train Station of 1935 exemplifies The Great Migration and how the Blacks traveled to the north for better jobs and opportunities and the whites are traveling to the south for vacation. Another thing I learned during this experience was that The Rock painting exemplifies the destruction and reconstruction of Post World War II and that in this world people united to rebuild and recover from the war. During this experience I learned so much and not only about pieces of art but how I view the world differently now.