**Art analysis**

What animal is shown in the picture?

Swan

What do you think is so important about these animals?

The swans look as though they are being collected. They are, in fact, being counted. It is an annual event, which still happens today.

Looking at the type of house you can see, the people and the location, where in the world do you think this is and how can you tell?

It looks English. We can tell due to the style of boats, the swans and the style of the building. It is, in fact, Cookham in Berkshire.

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Image: Swan Upping at Cookham, 1914–19

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Using clues from the painting, can you guess what century this might be from?

It is from the 1900s. The dress is not modern and it is not as old as the 1800s.

1800s

1900s

2000s

What do you think is going on in the picture?

The people in the picture are preparing to collect swans along the river Thames to round up, catch and then ring. It is an annual event known as swan upping.

What evidence can you use to back this up?

The man in the background has collected a swan in his arms and is taking it out of the boat to ring. Other swans have been collected in the boat ready to be tagged.

Describe the type of atmosphere that the artist is trying to establish.

It is a pleasant and calm atmosphere. People are working to prepare boats (lady on the left), two men are inspecting a boat and another man is bringing a swan out of the far boat to count them.

How can you tell?

Evidence as mentioned above.