



Laurence Stephen Lowry, 'Our Town' (1943)

Buildings

Talk about what you can see in the picture... What do you think the factories make? Why do they have chimneys?

What do you think the shops are selling? Talk to some of the older people in your family and find out if shops have changed much since they were young.

People

Talk about the people, what do you think they are doing?

Can you spot any families? What do you think it would have been like to live in this time and place?

What are the people wearing? Are they like the clothes you wear?

L.S. Lowry Activities

An art based activity sheet for the whole family

Story

Choose some of the people you like best in the picture and write a story about where you think they're going, what they're doing and why.

Draw

Go outside and draw what's happening in your neighbourhood. In *Our Town* there are lots of buildings and people. What will be in your picture?

Draw your family in the Lowry "matchstick" style. Don't forget your pets!

Try and paint a picture in the style of L. S. Lowry. Lowry only ever used 5 colours, What do you think they were?

Did you know...

'The Football Pitch' by L.S. Lowry was sold at auction for £5.6 million! It is the most expensive Lowry painting sold to date.

Find out about the largest exhibition of L.S. Lowry paintings in the country at www.thelowry.com.

Film

The film *Mrs Lowry and Son* (PG) was released in August 2019. It tells the story of L. S. Lowry and his relationship with his mother.

Watch the film with your family then read some reviews.

Can you add a review of your own?

Special Honours

Twice a year in Britain, special honours are given out to recognise people's amazing achievements. Both the Prime Minister and The Queen are involved in deciding who gets an honour, it's a very special thing to happen!

Lowry was awarded 5 honours in his lifetime including a Knighthood, but he refused to accept any of them! Find out a bit more about honours by reading this [Newsround article](#).

How are you helping?

These activities will help your child to:

- Explore the work of L.S. Lowry through drawing and painting.
- Improve their speaking and listening skills by sharing their ideas
- Start to have an appreciation of 'Then and Now'.

Then and Now

Watch the [A short film on L.S. Lowry - Then and Now](#). Look at how the streets that Lowry knew and painted have changed over the years.

Talk with your family about how your community has changed over the years. How has the high street changed?