

DRAWING TO MUSIC: Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum

Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum is a piano composition by **Debussy**, from his suite *Children's Corner*.

Interesting Fact:

The Latin phrase *gradus ad Parnassum* means "steps to Parnassus". In Greek Mythology, Mount Parnassum was an idyllic and sacred place.

Discussion Points:

What makes a landscape idyllic?

Do you prefer the countryside, the seaside or a cityscape?

Where would you like to be, if you could be anywhere in the world?

Listening Activity:

When you listen to the piece, are you reminded of any places you have visited?

Visual Activity:

Below is one of the paintings from our film.

Cut out the four pieces and see if you can put the image back together?

Once you have finished your puzzle, you can use these cut out pieces as bookmarks.

This painting was drawn using crayons, the artist filled the page with short strokes, dots and longer lines in vibrant colours. Can you create your own version, inspired by this painting?

