

WHAT'S THE STORY? SEEING OURSELVES IN OTHERS

WHAT
WILL YOU
NEED?



IMAGE OF "MTA"
by Jordan Casteel



PENCIL



NOTEBOOK

While looking closely at the image of the "MTA" worker, write down (or think about) your answers to the prompts. Then, create the moments right before and right after this image to complete the story.

☆ *Use the prompts below to help guide you in your writing.*



JORDAN CASTEEL

MTA, 2018

Oil on canvas

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PART I: THINKING ABOUT "MTA"



Take a few moments to look at the image from Jordan Casteel, then either write down your answers or think about the following questions:

What do you **see**?



How do you think this person **feels**?

Have you ever **felt** this way?



Who else is in the picture? What is happening **outside** of the central character?



What kind of day do you **think** the people in the image had?

When did you **take** the bus and subway? What was your experience?

PART II: WRITING THE STORY



Let's write a story about what happened right before this image, and the moment right after.



The story can be about anyone in the image and thinking of what their day might have been like, or **imagining yourself as the artist** capturing this moment.



Think about time spent travelling on public transportation and the experiences we have individually, and as groups riding together.

BONUS

Next time you see an MTA worker, thank them for all of their hard work getting you to where you need to go!

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