

VISUAL DOCUMENT / PAIR-WORK  
(USE THE PREVIOUS DOCUMENT for help )

You will have to speak alternately .

NATURE OF THE DOCUMENT ?  
WHEN AND WHERE IS THE SCENE SET? (COUNTRY/CENTURY)  
WHAT ELEMENTS HELP YOU GUESS? (CLOTHES/ ATTITUDES/HOUSE/BACKGROUND...)  
WHO ARE THE CHARACTERS? ( ORIGIN/SOCIAL POSITION)  
DIVIDE THEM INTO TWO GROUPS/ 3 GROUPS?  
HOW ARE THEY SITUATED?  
DESCRIBE THEIR ATTITUDES AND ACTIVITIES. Compare and contrast!  
WHAT DO THEY REVEAL? WHAT ARE YOUR IMPRESSIONS?  
WHAT ABOUT THEIR CLOTHES? AREN'T YOU SURPRISED?  
WHAT OBJECTS SURROUND THE BRITISH CHARACTERS? ( a mix)  
WHAT CAN YOU DEDUCE ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIPS?  
CAN YOU FEEL ANY TENSION IN THIS SCENE?  
CAN YOU IMAGINE THE SERVANTS' FEELINGS?  
NOW ASK YOUR TEACHER TO GIVE YOU THE TITLE OF THIS PICTURE!  
WHAT IMPRESSION DID THE ARTIST WANT TO CONVEY?(5YOUR OPINION)  
PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS?

USEFUL VOCABULARY:

In the foreground /In the background/ In the top right-hand corner/ in the bottom left-hand corner/ in the middle.../ palm trees / a flag / a fort/ a tiger skin/ a drum : un tambour / veranda / cane armchair

The layout : la disposition /fraught with many details.

Masters / servants /civil servant /British official / businessman / sahib / memsahib / powerful /upper middle-class/ luxurious/ bungalow / definite function/ to perform : accomplir/ tasks/ submissive/to serve / to look after// devoted to ... : dévoués à / close-knit family/ smartly and formally dressed.....as if.....

Cheap/underpaid/afford/ hire : employer / higher standard of living than....

To be superior to/ to be above / to be subservient to / to be docile/ To kneel / to bend / for hours on end/ unrewarding tasks / to be at (somebody's) beck and call.

To rest / to doze / to relax / to be surrounded by/ to behave as if.../ to suffer from ( the heat)/satisfied / to get some news/ to be separated from / to be far from/ to feel homesick/ to celebrate.

to nestle against, to cuddle up to : se blottir contre....

Calm/quiet/harmony/tension/ peaceful/ to bear a grudge against.../ idealized image/ stereotyped vision

The Raj : The British government in India before 1947 / British rule/ a colony/

a punkah : a fan made of palm leaves operated by a servant using a rope.

A tray / refreshment / A bottle of wine/