Paint the Battle

On August 19, 1812, USS *Constitution* met and defeated HMS *Guerriere* and earned the lasting nickname of "Old Ironsides." These four paintings, created by George Ropes, Jr., are both a detailed and patriotic illustration of that battle. Now its time for *you* to add your own flare to these historic paintings!

Materials:

White or Beige Cardstock

Watercolor Paints

Paint Brush

Cup of Water

Color Printer

Directions:

1. Print each battle scene in color onto white or beige cardstock.

2. Fill a cup with water about half way up.

3. Paint the background of the battle scenes using watercolor paints and a paint brush.

    Watercolor Tips: For deeper colors, pre-wet the desired paint with water and stir gently. Let sit for 30 seconds before painting. For lighter colors, start with water and slowly mix paint in a plastic mixing tray or plate.

4. Let dry and then display!

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