

# DIGITAL **AGNES**

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## **Inspired by nature!**

AGNES Learns  
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### **SPEAKERS**

Charlotte Gagnier

### **KEYWORDS**

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### **TRANSCRIPT**

**Charlotte Gagnier:** Have you ever looked at a tree and felt like it had a personality? I know I have. When I look at the tree in this painting, I wonder what it might feel like to be that tree. I wonder if it's lonely up on that cliff. It looks so far away from all the other trees. But even though it's lost all its needles, it's standing tall and straight looking out over the valley. I think it looks strong and wise. I wonder how long it stood there. Wouldn't that be an amazing view to have with the clear, blue sky above you, a lush, green valley below, and strong mountains in the distance? When I look at this painting, I can imagine birds sometimes perch on its branches and they look over the valley together. This painting is called "Athabasca Valley, Jasper Park." The Athabasca Valley is in a mountain range called the Rocky Mountains which is in the province of Alberta. It was painted by an artist named Lawren Harris. He's best known as a member of the Group of Seven. They were inspired by nature and famous for painting Canadian landscapes like this one.