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John Russell, RA, 1745-1806 Portrait of a Young Boy with a Map Jigsaw Puzzle & His Brother seated at a Table

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,796 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA599651**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 64 cm (25.2")

Width = 76 cm (29.9")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

John Russell, RA, 1745-1806 Portrait of a Young Boy with a Map Jigsaw Puzzle & His Brother seated at a Table oil on canvas 64 x 76 cm. (25 x 30 in.) The Puzzle that the two boys are playing with is a geographical puzzle. However to the left there is an interlocking piece, and according to Linda Hannas "The English Jigsaw Puzzle, 1760 to 1890", Wayland Publishers, London, 1972; interlocking border pieces (very useful) are a somewhat later invention, c. 1785. and that's the time that explanatory books came with the didactical puzzles when they were sold. Such a booklet is depicted in the portrait. A jigsaw puzzle is a tiling puzzle that requires the assembly of often oddly shaped interlocking and tessellating pieces. Each piece usually has a small part of a picture on it; when complete, a jigsaw puzzle produces a complete picture. In some cases, more advanced types have appeared on the market, such as spherical jigsaws and puzzles showing optical illusions. Jigsaw puzzles were originally created by painting a picture on a flat, rectangular piece of wood, and then cutting that picture into small pieces with a jigsaw, hence the name. John Spilsbury, a London cartographer ...

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