Grant Wood's Regionalist Camouflage



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Photographs of regular and camouflaged artillery pieces, Fort Leach, Washington DC, circa 1918.



Aerial photograph showing naked and camouflaged gun emplacements, used for training at Fort Leach, c. 1918





Grant Wood in military uniform, c. 1918

Soldiers practicing camouflage painting techniques as part of their training, Fort Leach, c. 1918

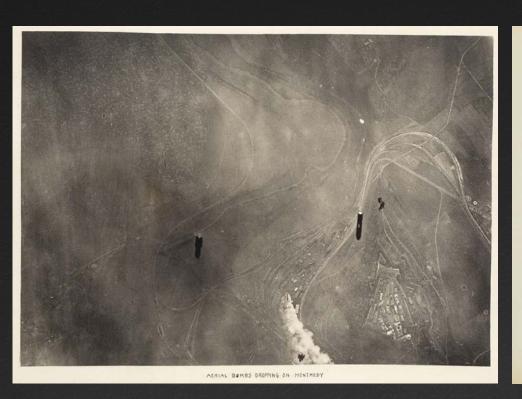


Grant Wood, *Young Corn*, 1931 Spring Turning, 1936

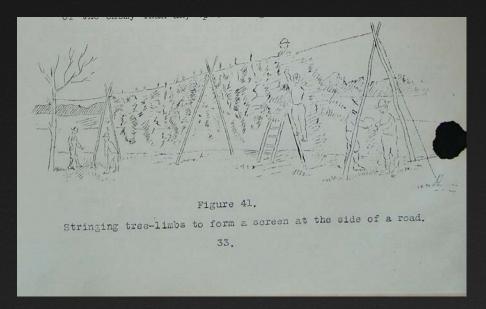




Aerial Bombs Dropping on Montmedy, and Frontline Trenches (Apremont) American Expeditionary Forces, 1918.







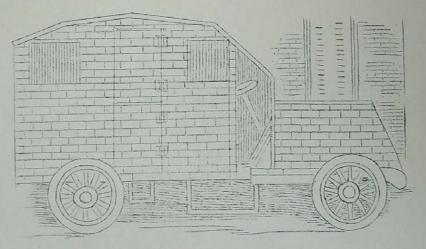
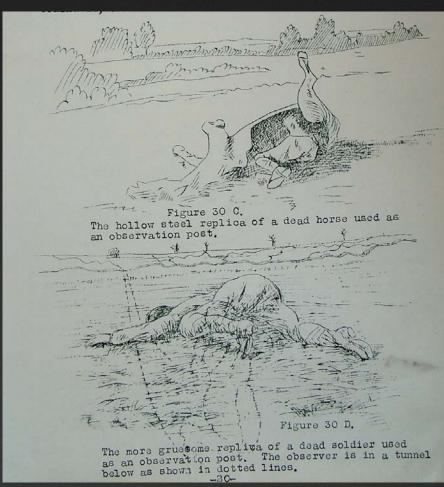


Figure 36.

This motor car machine shop shown in Fig. 36, which does its work in the villages behind the front line, blends into the brick and mortar area so as to be practically invisible.

Illustrations of horizontal screening, pattern mimicry, and the use of dummy forms, from the US Army manual *Confidential Notes on Camouflage Prepared at the Engineer School, 84th Division,* 1918



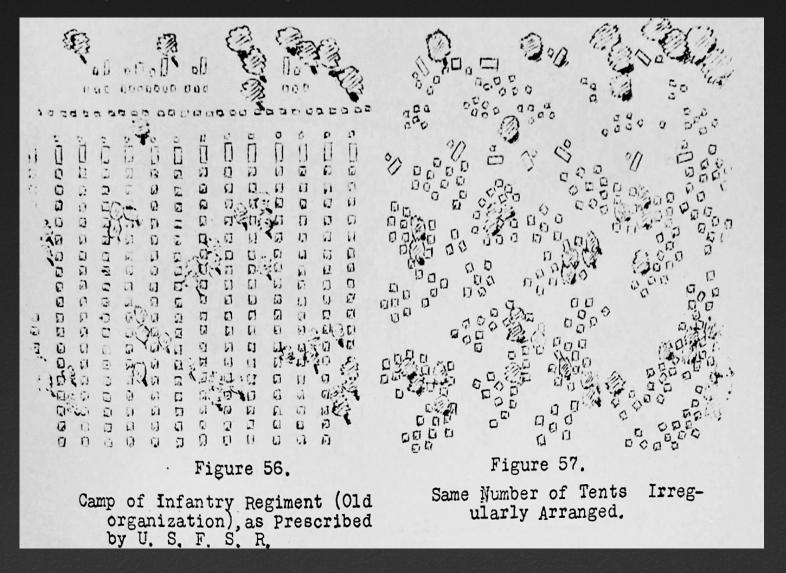


Aerial surveillance photograph of trenches, A.E.F, 1918

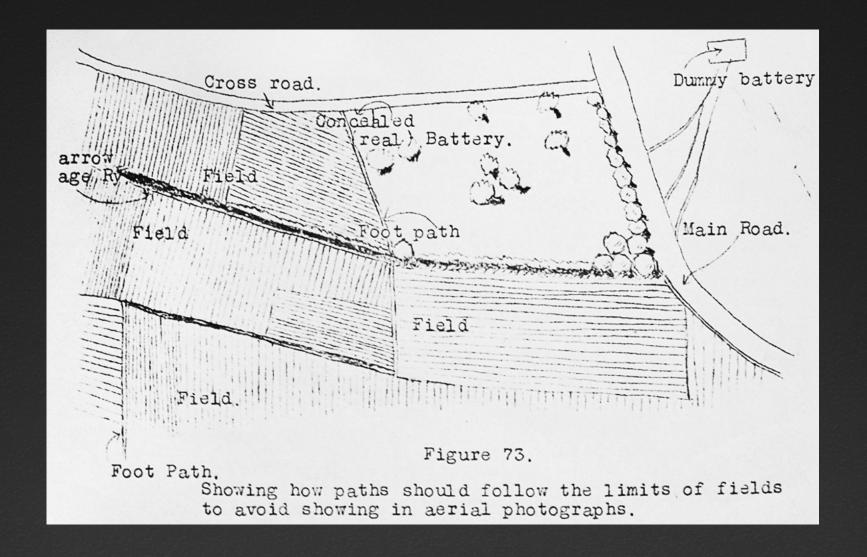
Interior of aerial photographic interpretation outpost, A.E.F, 1918.



Illustrations of camp organizational schemes for effective camouflaging, from Confidential Notes on Camouflage Prepared at the Engineer School, 84th Division, 1918



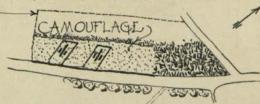
Utilizing land patterns to mislead aerial aerial surveillance," from Confidential Notes on Camouflage Prepared at the Engineer School, 84th Division, 1918



Photograph of camouflaged battery emplacement near Manonville, France, with detailed analysis of its effectiveness. For instructional use. Circa 1918 MANON VALLE 3000 Mg

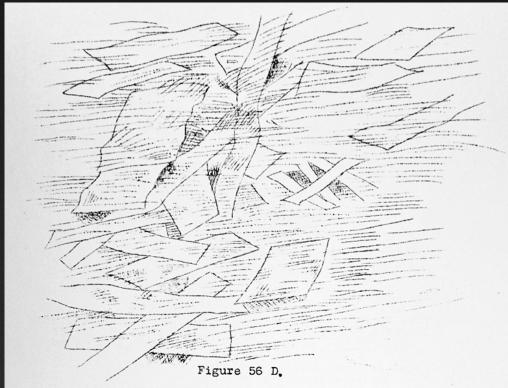


ORIGINAL GRASS LAND PLOWED UNDER TO FRONT OF CAMOUFLAGE 50 AS NOT TO REVEAL PRONT EDGE.

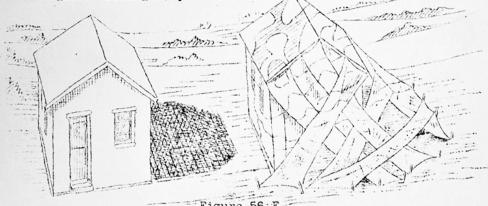


A STRIP OF LONG GRASS WAS ALLOWED TO GROW IN FRONT OF THE POSITION WHICH MAKES A THIN DARK LINE. THE SPOIL UNDER THE CAMOUFLAGE WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY COVERED, WHICH MAKES A SERIES OF LIGHT SPOTS. THE GROWING GRASS ON THERIGHT OF THE POSITION BECAME DARK, MUCH DARKER THAN THE CAMOUFLAGE. IT WAS CUTSHORT:

Trench and building camouflage schemes for blocking shadows, from Confidential Notes on Camouflage Prepared at the Engineer School, 84th Division, 1918.



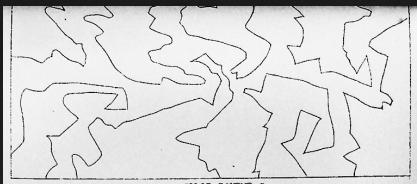
Plan view of trench and shell-holes shown in Fig. shadows eliminated .



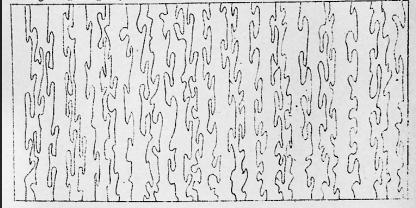
The house to the right shows how the sonspicuous shadows of the house to the left can be eliminated by screens. The screens should extend on all three sides brought into shadow by the diernal movement of the sun.

Test swatch for comparison of manufactured and natural materials in camouflage, 1918.

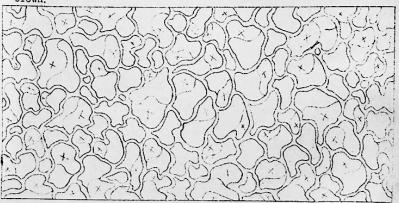




COLOR SCHEME C.
Used mostly on moving objects such as Motor Trucks, Trains,
Wagons and Tanks.

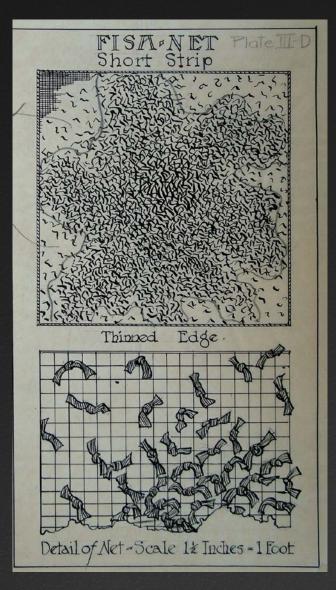


COLOR SCHEME D.
Brown, Green and Cream stripes. The narrow stripes are brown.



COLOR SCHEME E.
Light Blue Background with Dark Blue and Cream Leopard spots. The space marked x are cream.

Camouflage color schemes. From *Confidential Notes* on Camouflage Prepared at the Engineer School, 84th Division, 1918.



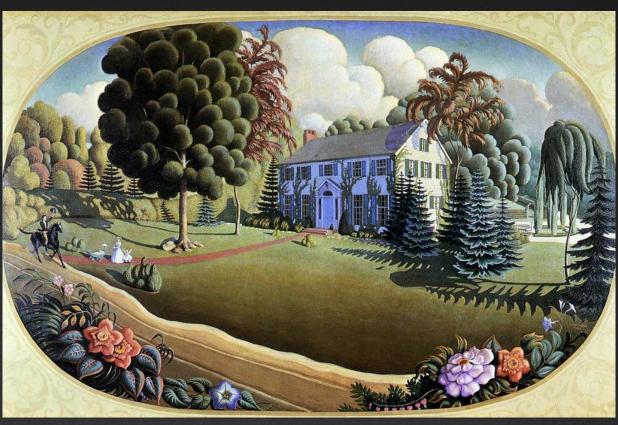
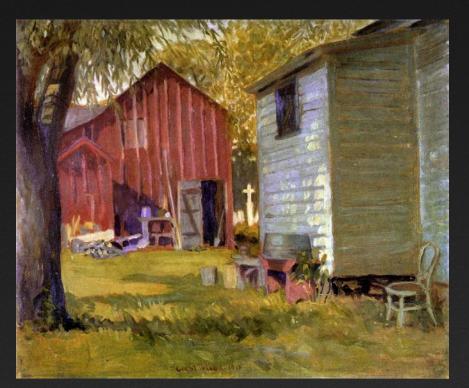




Illustration of false facade camouflage practices, 1918

Grant Wood, The Ride of Paul Revere, 1931





Grant Wood, Old Sexton's Place, 1919

Grant Wood, *Adoration of the Home*, 1921-22

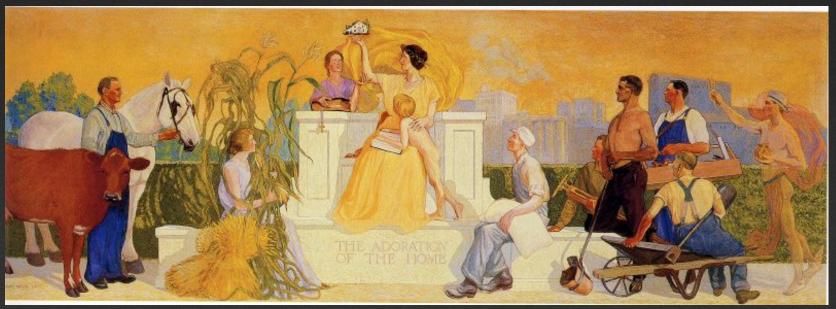


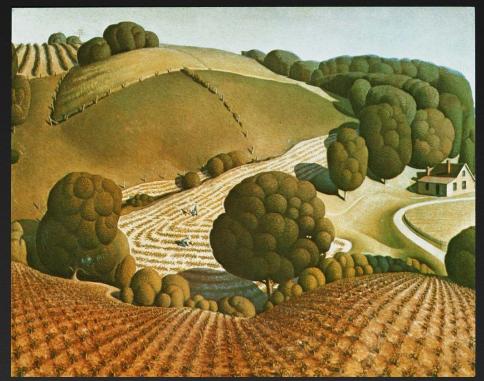


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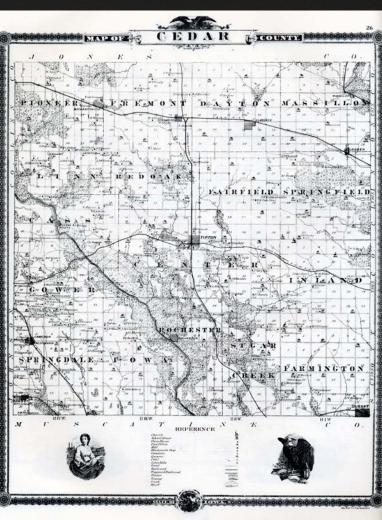
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Pages from Alfred Andreas' Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa, 1875

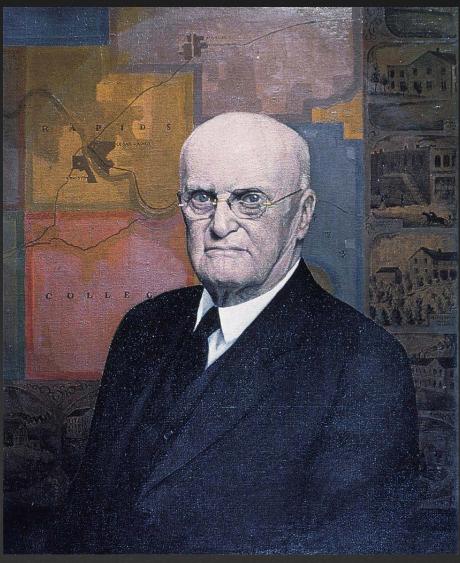




US Agricultural Adjustment Administration aerial survey photography of Grundy County, IA, 1939







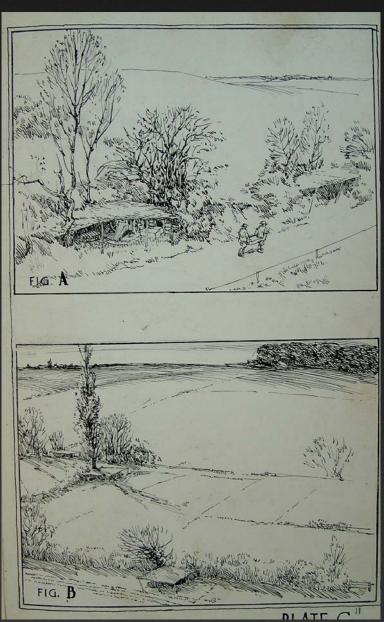
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Illustration of a camouflaged artillery emplacement, 1918

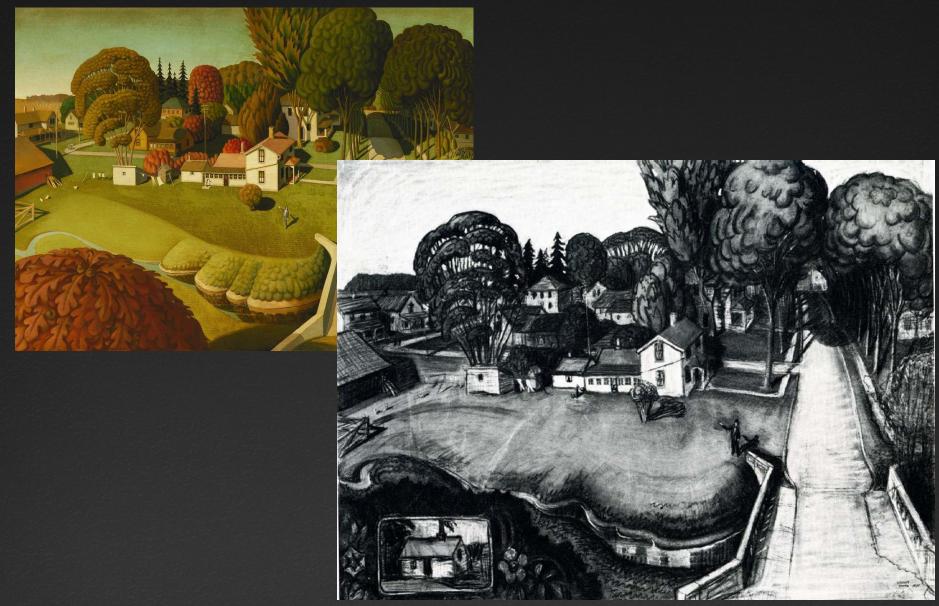




Grant Wood, The Birthplace of Herbert Hoover, 1931



Grant Wood, *The Birthplace of Herbert Hoover*, with his earlier sketch that includes the original home as an inset.





Grant Wood, Young Corn, 1931

Alexander Hogue, Mother Earth Laid Bare, 1936







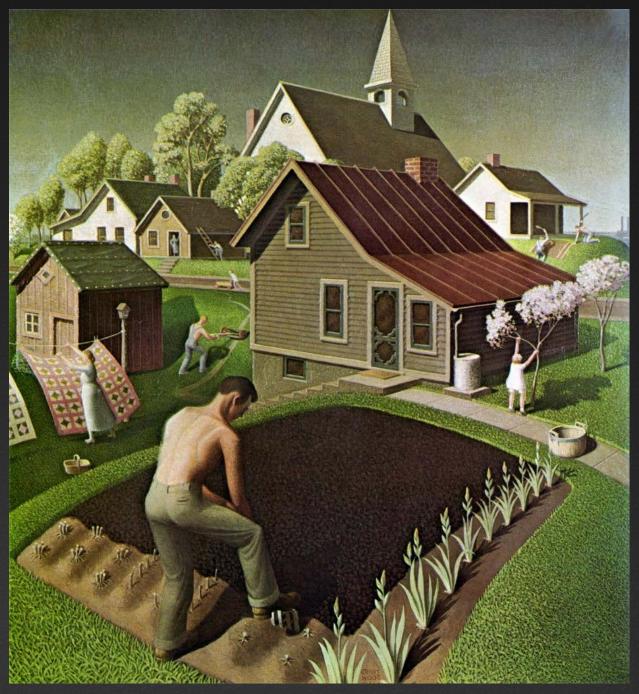
Grant Wood, Death on Ridge Road, 1935



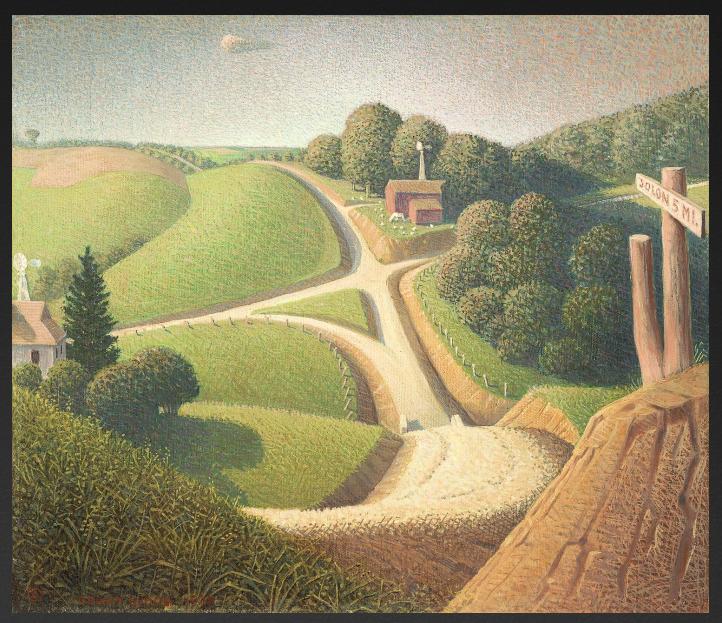
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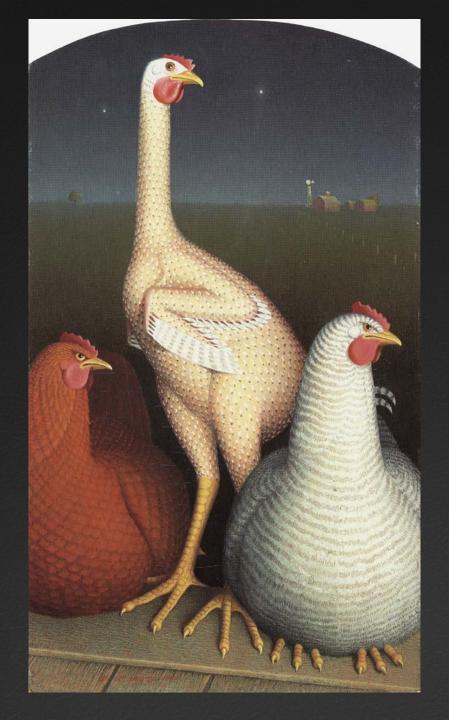


Grant Wood, Spring in Town, 1941



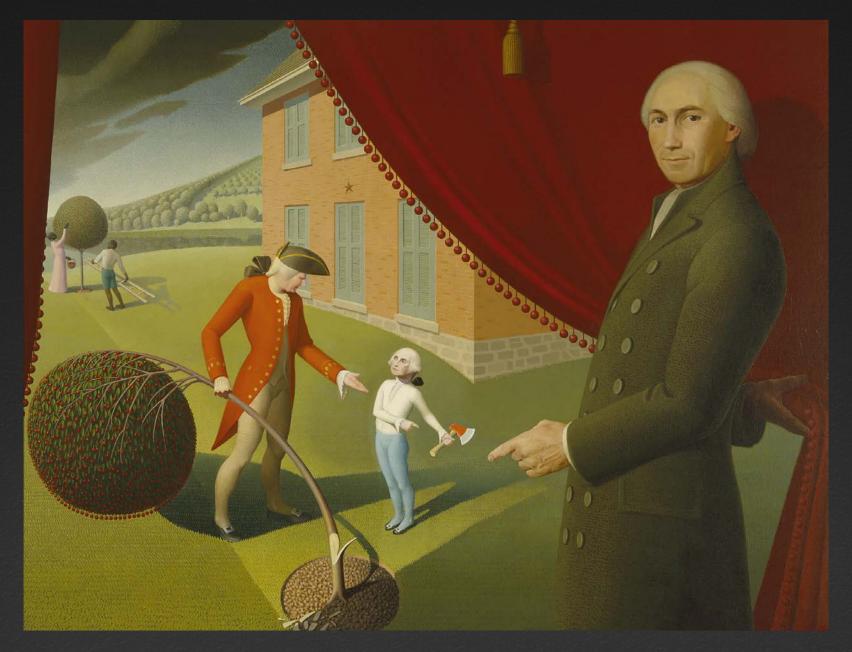
Grant Wood, New Road, 1939





Grant Wood, Adolescence, 1933/1940 (completed)

Grant Wood, Parson Weems' Fable, 1939



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