Jean-Joseph Benjamin-Constant’s painting *The Emperor Justinian* was recently installed in the Museum of Art after being in storage for over 60 years! When large paintings like this one are prepared for storage, the canvas is taken off the stretcher frame and rolled. This makes moving and storing the painting easier, but can cause serious damage to the paint layers. Thankfully, our conservation team here at The Ringling participated in the restoration effort, which was made possible by a grant from the Getty Foundation’s Conserving Canvas initiative. Now, *The Emperor Justinian* has been beautifully restored, stretched, and reinstalled in The Ringling galleries. You can learn more about the conservation process [here](#).

This painting is almost 1.3 feet high and 22 feet long, so it is GIANT! That means the people in this painting are larger than life-size! Learn more about *The Emperor Justinian* [here](#).

Decorate your living room, don a crown, and decree your wishes from a scroll using the activities on the next page.

STANDARDS:

- VA.2.S.1.3
- VA.K.H.2.1
**ACTIVITY CROWN**

MATERIALS: CEREAL BOX, PENCIL, SCISSORS, PAINT, RIBBON, VARIOUS ITEMS FOR DECORATION

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: SIMPLE

If you were an emperor, what would your crown look like? Would it be shining in gold like Justinian’s? Make a cereal box crown and look the part as you rule your living room court.

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Lay your cereal box out flat and use a pencil to sketch the pattern of your crown.
2. Use scissors to cut out your sketched design.
3. If desired, paint your crown white to more easily cover the box’s writing.
4. Now decorate your crown using paint, gemstones, stickers, feathers, and more!
5. Once it is dry, make a hole on both ends of the crown and tie a piece of ribbon to either end to match the size of your head. This will be what keeps your crown in place as you play!

**ACTIVITY SCROLL**

MATERIALS: TWO PAPER TOWEL TUBES, PAPER, GLUE, RIBBON

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: SIMPLE

What would you ask the emperor for? Use these instructions to make your own scroll and write down your wishes for the emperor.

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Apply glue directly to one of the paper towel tubes.
2. Roll the top of the paper over the tube, apply more glue if needed, and continue rolling until the tube is fully covered.
3. Using the second tube, repeat this process on the other end of the paper.
4. Write or draw your wish to the emperor before rolling the ends together and tying it off with a ribbon.

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