Sketchbook ideas: Cityscapes

Cityscape paintings range from birds eye views to detailed city back streets, they • were painted as large scale postcards from Grand Tour travels • show well known views of famous cities such as Venice and Rome • include suburban back streets • show people in action • include imagined cityscapes.

Recording your thoughts...
> Which words describe the cityscape?
> What is the viewpoint of the scene?
> Describe the choice of colours.
> How do they affect the atmosphere and mood of the picture?
> Which elements of this cityscape inspire you?
> Identify different painting techniques.
> What is their impact?
> Who are the people and what are they doing?
> Which picture could inspire your own artwork?

Useful galleries to explore:
Gallery 67: 19th Century Art
Gallery 63: Sickert & his contemporaries
Gallery 62: Modern Art
Gallery 65: Pissarro
Gallery 50-51: Landscape Oil Sketches
Gallery 49: Britain and Italy

Further resources
Ashmolean Education: www.ashmolean.org/learning-resources
Ashmolean Eastern Art Online: www.jameelcentre.ashmolean.org/