The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Young Man Holding a Book

Giambattista Tiepolo (Italian, 1696-1770)

Date ca. 1758

Medium Pen, brown ink and brown wash on paper

Dimensions 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 in. (21.6 x 14 cm)

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Commentary With economical touches of the pen and brush, the Venetian artist Giovanni Battista Tiepolo— a master of the ink medium—deftly conveys this standing male figure's form, features, and placement in space. The work most likely belongs to a series of drawings of clothed figures known as the Sole Figure Vestite, which the artist produced for reference, experimentation, and the demonstration of his virtuosic technique.