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The Fanshawe family have a long lasting connection to the borough of Barking and Dagenham. Their family owned many manors and land in the area - including Valence House and its estate.

Here are a few ideas of things that your class may wish to discuss when looking at the portrait:

- Children may notice the clothing that is being worn by the two subjects. They might discuss what this clothing says about the time period or their social standing.
- They might comment on the elegant backdrop, including the use of fabric and pillars to create a certain look for the painting.
- They might have opinions on the two subjects based on their facial expressions and general demeanour in the portrait.
- They might comment on the inclusion of a dog and what this may say about the subjects. Dogs were often included as a symbol of fidelity and status.
- They may comment on the general mood and colours used within the portrait, both of which may imply information about the two subjects and their family status.

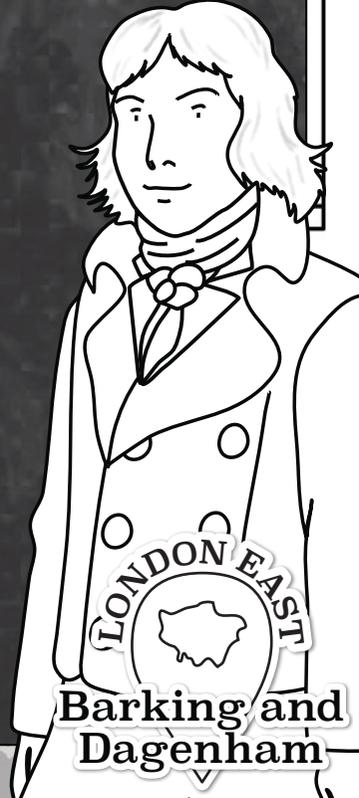




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