

# Art History

## Wanderer Above the Sea of Fog

This atmospheric mountain scene was painted in Germany nearly 200 years ago. It shows rocky crags and peaks rising dramatically out of the mist. But the focus of the picture is a solitary figure standing with his back to us.

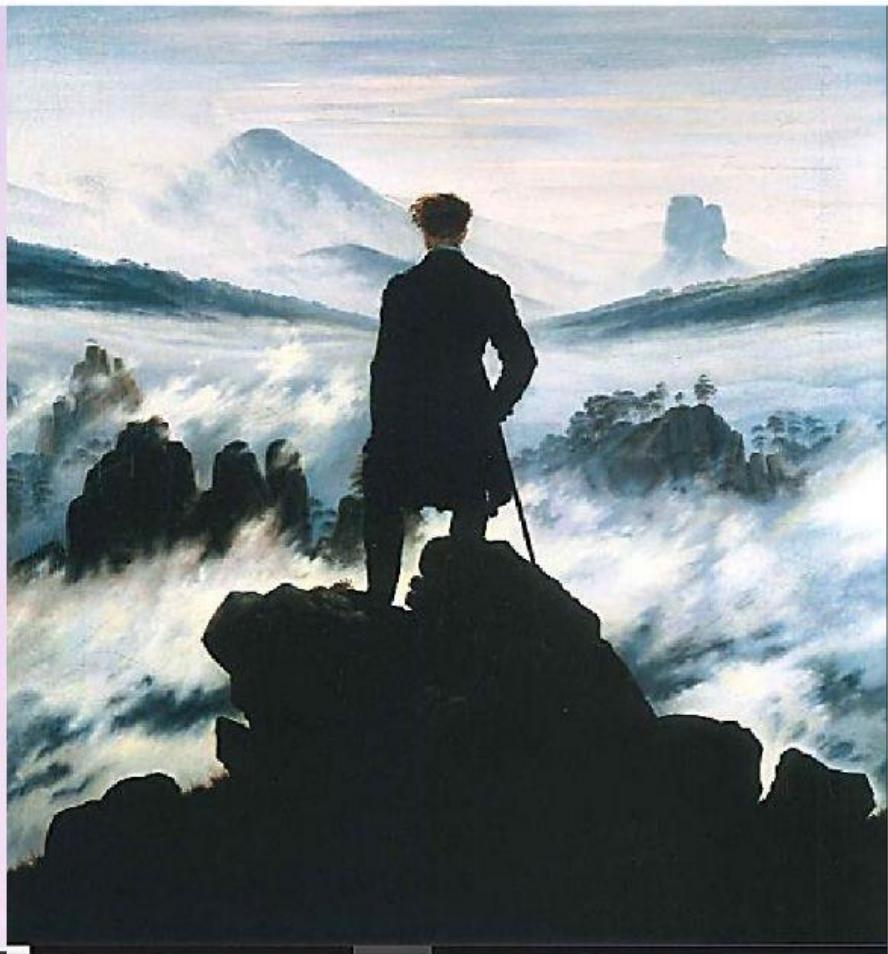
### Awesome scene

The wanderer's face is hidden, making viewers wonder about his reaction to the stunning scenery in front of him. He seems to be lost in thought, perhaps struck with awe. With his frock coat and stick, some art experts have suggested he is a portrait of the artist, Caspar David Friedrich, himself. His dark, upright figure forms a bold contrast with the misty peaks and distant horizon.

## About Friedrich

Caspar David Friedrich was born in Germany in 1774. His mother died when he was only seven, and his father brought him up to be very religious.

After studying art, Friedrich moved to Dresden, in northern Germany. Many of his landscapes were inspired by the woods, hills and ruined abbey buildings near Dresden. His paintings were often meant to inspire religious feelings. He died in 1840.



What do you like about the painting  
of The wanderer above the sea?

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