

# ART TREK

## Simple Perspective: It's All Illusion

Artist: Winslow Homer

### *Conversation Starter*

In my Art Trek lesson I learned about how to draw objects to look closer or farther away on my paper. My piece of art is at school, but I wanted to share with you what I learned!

Now I know:

- Perspective is the way of showing, on a flat surface, what is seen by the eye.
- In an outdoor scene, the horizon line is where the sky comes down and meets the ground, or the treetops, or the ocean water.
- Objects that are lower on the page and below the horizon line are closer to us.

**Winslow Homer** (1836-1910) is recognized by many as the greatest America painter of the nineteenth century. After moving to Maine later in his life and witnessing the power of the mighty sea, he became deeply affected by the heroism of fishermen and painted many pictures of the sea, cliffs, powerful waves, rocks and mountains.

**Have fun coloring in the picture at home!**



Winslow Homer, *Gloucester Harbor*, 1873