

'The Hunters in the Snow' by Pieter Bruegel

Background Information

Flemish artist Pieter Breugel was commissioned to create the painting 'The Hunters in the Snow' in 1565. The artist is also known as 'Pieter the Elder' and sometimes this painting is referred to as 'The Return of the Hunters.' This painting belongs to a collection of pieces portraying the varying seasons. It is thought this piece was painted during December and January.

Soft white and grey tones were used to show a calm yet cold winter day.

The painting shows three hunters returning from their search.

The original painting is hung in Vienna, Austria.



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The original painting measures approximately 117cm x 162cm.

Curiously, the artist painted jagged mountain peaks, which are not present in Belgium or Holland.

Bruegel painted this piece using oil paint on wood.

Questions

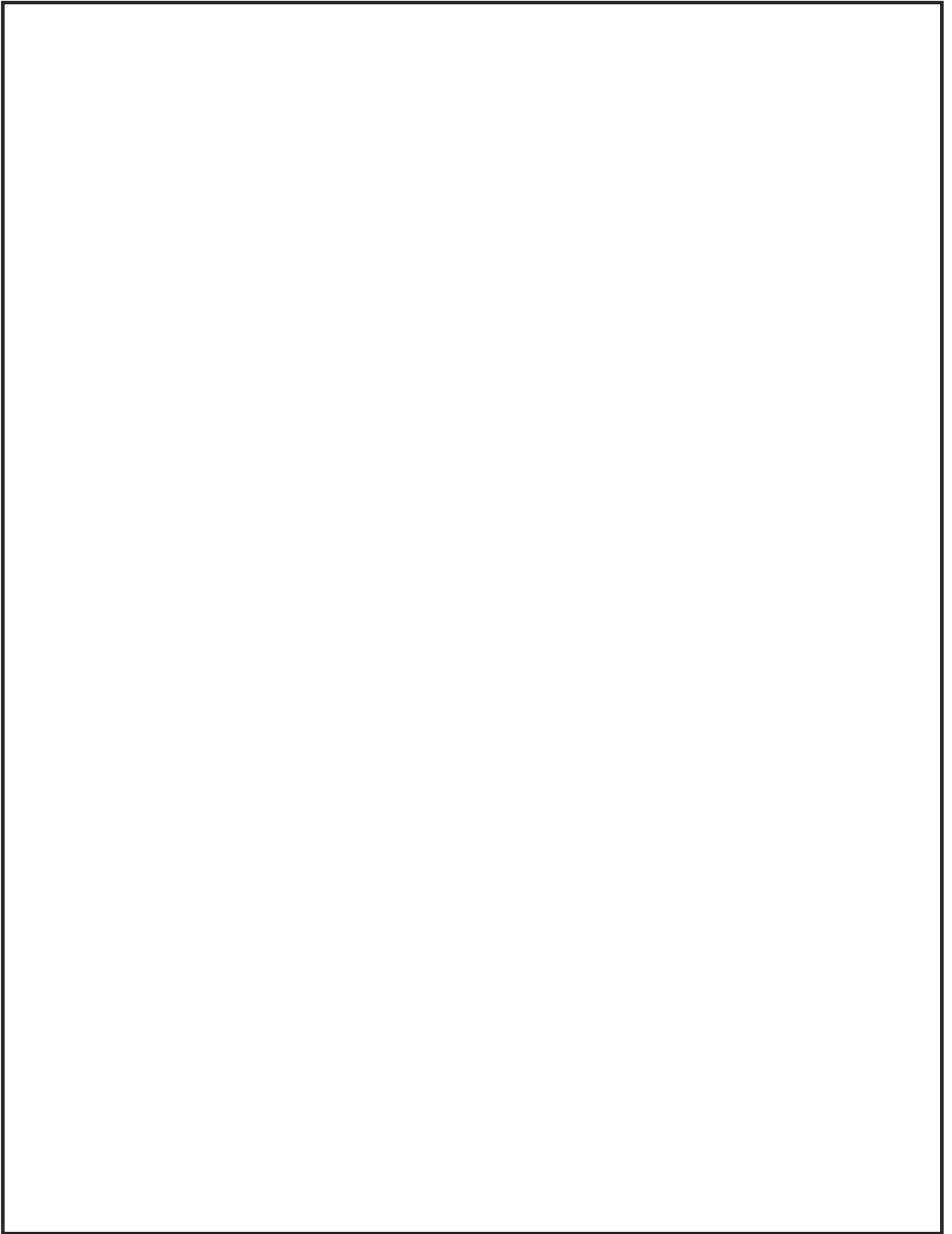
Which name do you think suits the painting best? Explain your answer.

Look closely at the painting for clues. Do you think the hunters had a successful trip?

What mood do you think the artist was trying to create? Give reasons for your answer.

If you could change one thing about this painting, what would it be and why?

Next, draw your own sketch of 'hunters in the snow'.



Extra Challenge

Use the Internet to find out three facts about the artist Pieter Bruegel.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Hunters in the Snow belongs to a collection of paintings representing the seasons. Find out what the other paintings in the collection are and note them down below.
