

20 Year Nap (Rip Van Winkle)

The artist I selected is John Quidor. I chose Rip Van Winkle as my painting and was painted in 1829.



Rip Van Winkle is a well-known tale that has been told throughout the years. One day he goes into the mountains to hunt, but ends up drinking with the English explorer Henry Hudson's legendary crew. He then falls into a deep sleep, waking up 20 years his dog is gone and his gun s rusty. Rip heads back to the village where everything has changed and he doesn't recognize anybody. Not knowing anybody and everything being changed, he begins to think he's going crazy. His daughter approaches him and is who he goes to live with. She caught him up and informed him on everything he missed, including sleeping through the Revolutionary War. This painting was created by Washington Irving in 1819. It was written while he

was living in Birmingham, England and became a part of *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon Gent.* This painting was released June 23, 1819 and sold for 75 cents which was expensive at the time.



Art can impact how I perceive the world in many ways. By having a visual, the world can be seen in many ways. It makes me think about everything with a different eye. I become more critical and aware of what I see in the world around me. Just because something is presented in one way, doesn't mean that's what it really means. From this experience I've learned a lot. I learned that I may see a piece of artwork in one way but once it's explained it can mean the opposite. Art is made in many different shapes and forms, each that have an impact on history, just like Rip Van Winkle. By presenting the painting, I improved my communication skills. I'm becoming more comfortable with presenting and learning new techniques.