

Outstanding people

The past and present of the Crimean region.

The worksheet is devoted to Aivazovsky I. K. an outstanding Crimean marine painter and batalist, collector, patron of the arts.



Aivazovsky was a celebrated **painter**¹ of **seascapes**². He preferred to **depict**³ sailing **ships**⁴, but sometimes **portrayed**⁵ modern **steamships**⁶ like this one. The artist's affinity for the **ocean**⁷ began in his birthplace, the Black Sea **port**⁸ of Feodosia (Theodosia) in Crimea, then part of the Russian Empire. As a member of the city's longstanding Armenian community, Aivazovsky had a rich cultural and linguistic background. He worked and exhibited widely, including in cities in present-day Armenia, Georgia, Italy, Russia, Turkey, but he remained rooted in Feodosia (Theodosia). The **museum**⁹ that he opened in the city in 1880 was the third public **art gallery**¹⁰ in the Russian Empire.

Activities

«Bear mountain» by Aivazovsky



1. Describe the picture. Answer the questions.

1. What can you see the picture?
2. Where are the people?
3. What are they doing?
4. Do you like the picture or not?
5. Why?

2. Match the synonyms.

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| A palette | paint |
| An artist | a workroom |
| A studio | a drawing board |
| Colours | a painter |
| A painting | a sketch album |
| A sketch book | a picture |

3. Complete the sentences.

painter, seascape, port, art gallery, depict

1. An artist who paints _____
2. A painting of the sea _____
3. A place where boats come and go _____
4. A room or series of rooms where works of art are exhibited _____
5. When you draw a picture of something, describe it, or show what it looks like _____