

Painting # 7

National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Title: *Breezing Up*

Artist: Winslow Homer

(United States, Boston, Massachusetts)

Date of Painting: 1873 – 1876

(Style, Realism)

Winslow Homer grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts. At age twenty-one he became an illustrator for the Harper's Weekly of New York. He was sent to the Civil War battlefields in Virginia to illustrate battle scenes.

Based on his experience as an illustrator and love of the outdoors, his art work focused on the natural and realistic aspects of American life. He became a most skillful watercolor artist.

Later in life he traveled and lived near the sea. He lived on the Maine coast, and traveled to the Florida Keys and Bahamas. As one of America's most successful painters, he painted *Breezing Up*.

Look closely.

You can almost taste the saltwater.