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**The Hunters in the Snow** was painted by **Pieter Bruegel the Elder** in **1565**. It shows a cold winter day long ago, with three hunters walking home through deep snow with their dogs. They look tired and disappointed because they did not catch much food, and their slow steps make the journey seem long. Bare trees, a gray sky, and snow-covered ground surround them, making the scene feel quiet, cold, and still.

In the distance, a village spreads out below the hill and feels much more lively. People are skating on frozen ponds, playing games, carrying wood, and going about their daily work. Smoke rises from chimneys, showing warm homes and fires inside. The painting shows that even though winter is difficult and harsh, people continue to help one another and find joy in everyday life.

### **Questions:**

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2. Are most of the colors warm or cold?
3. Which colors help show that it is winter?
4. Do you see any warm colors in the painting?
5. Where can warm colors be found, including the fire?
6. Why do you think the artist used mostly cold colors?
7. What do the warm colors make you think about?
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White, gray, pale blue, brown, and dark green appear most often.
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Most of the colors are cold.
3. Which colors help show that it is winter?  
The white snow, gray sky, and pale blue ice help show winter.
4. Do you see any warm colors in the painting?  
Yes, there are warm colors.
5. Where can warm colors be found, including the fire?  
Warm colors can be seen in the fire, the houses, rooftops, trees, and some clothing.
6. Why do you think the artist used mostly cold colors?  
To show how cold and harsh winter feels.
7. What do the warm colors make you think about?  
They make us think about warmth, shelter, and comfort.
8. How do warm colors change the feeling of the painting?  
They add balance and a sense of warmth to the cold scene.
9. Which part of the painting looks the coldest?  
The snowy hills and frozen ponds look the coldest.
10. How do the colors help tell the story of winter?  
Cold colors show winter's difficulty, while warm colors show that life continues.