## Art of the XIX century

Romanticism: Emphasis on emotions

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### Romanticism: Emphasis on emotions

- Reaction against Neoclasicism in the first decades of 19th century.
- New aesthetic and themes related to: **freedom**, **individualism** and **nationalism**, **emotions**.

#### Romantic painting and sculpture

- •Glorification of the individual and traditions
- •National freedom, bourgeois revolutions.
- •Sentimental viewpoint.
- •Exotic cultures: Asia, Africa. Rich people collected this foreign art.
- •Dynamism in compositions (curves and diagonal lines).
- •Visible brushtrikes and different use of the light.
- •Historic, mythical scenes, natural landscapes.









1- David Friedrich:
Wanderer Above a Sea
of Fog
2- Gericault: The Raft
of the Medusa
3- Joseph W. Turner
Bell Rock Lighthouse
4- Francisco de Goya:
The Sleep of Reason
Produces Monsters

## Realism: crude reality

- Appeared in the second half of 19th century.
- It reflected the new realities of the Western society.
  - New social inequalities (in opposition to Romanticism): spread of industrialization brought poverty, child labour and explotation of the working class, but a huge wealth for the bourgeoisie.
  - Advancement of science: observation and description of nature brought new theories to understand reality.
- Realist artists: interested in understanding reality and describe it: daily life issues, problems of industrialization, injustice...







1- Jean François Millet: The Gleaners 2- Gustave Coubert: The Stone Breakers 3- Ramón Casas: Garrote Vil

# **Modernism**: symbolism and ornamentation

- It emerged in the late 19th century and was also developed in the beginning of the 20th century.
- It is and architectural movement although artists worked painting and sculpture too.
- Decorative movement inspired by the forms of nature, symbolic and conceptual themes and regional motifs.
- They used the new products and technologies available thanks to the industrialization.







1- Lluís
Domènech i
Montaner: Palau
de la Música
Catalana
2- Gustave
Klimt: Adele
Bloch-Bauer's
Portrait
3- Antoni Gaudí:
Sagrada Familia