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Jean-François Millet
(French)

The Diggers
c. 1850 – 55
oil on canvas, 32” x 39 1/2”
Gift of Mrs. George P. Tweed

Instead of painting pictures of kings, religious or historical scenes, Millet painted pictures of everyday people such as farmers and peasants working in nature.

Millet was the first French artist to show the sufferings of the poor workers. He gave the workers their dignity and painted their closeness to nature.

The famous artist Vincent Van Gogh was inspired by this very work of art to create his own painting of peasants working in nature.