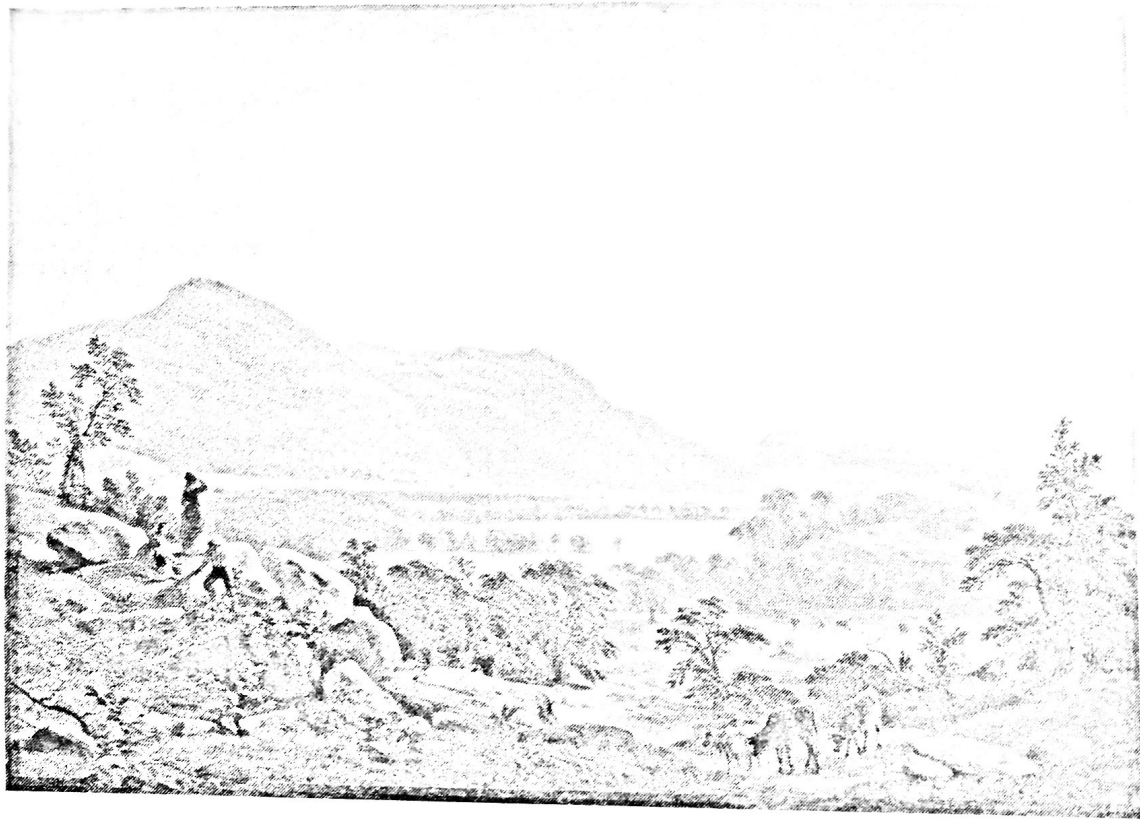

DOCUMENT 7.11

ASHER DURAND, *Dover Plains*

1850

Asher Durand (1796–1886) was one of the artists who made up the Hudson River School, a group of artists named for the Hudson River region that was often featured in the artists' work. The European Romantics, who sought mystery and transcendence in nature, inspired the Hudson River School. This lithograph of Durand's *Dover Plains* depicts a group of people who are exploring the Hudson River Valley in New York State.



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PRACTICING Historical Thinking

Identify: Describe the images in the foreground and background. Which images are most prominent?

Analyze: What kind of people are featured here? What is omitted from this picture? What might Durand's purpose be in omitting these things?

Evaluate: Turn Durand's picture into a statement about the relationship between nature and people. Explain your response.