

# Moxie University

## RHYTHMIC PORTRAIT

MoxieBox has used the terms background and foreground throughout this lesson. So, what do these terms actually mean?

- BACKGROUND: The background is the part of the artwork that represents the back of the picture. It is often the scenery that a main subject appears to be in front of.
- FOREGROUND: The foreground is the opposite of the background. It is the part that appears to be at the “front” of the picture.

But guess what... You will also often see a MIDDLEGROUND in art.

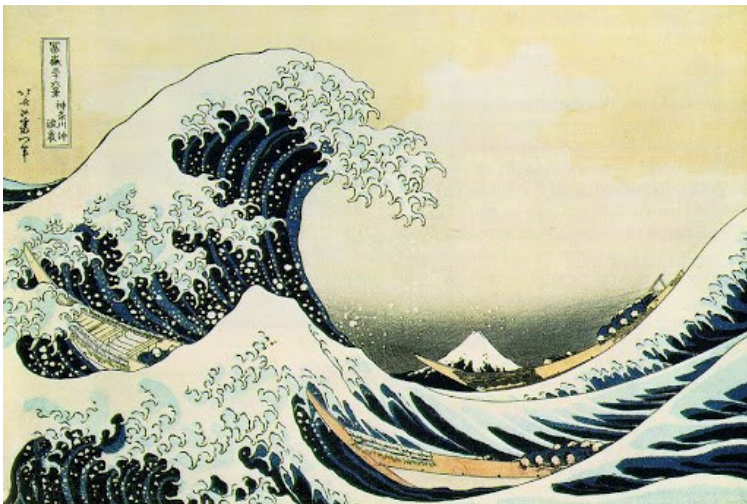
**Background**



**Middleground**

**Foreground**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>



“The Great Wave off the Coast of Kanagawa” by Katsushika Hokusai was painted in 1831. It is a wonderful example of RHYTHM. Can you also find the FOREGROUND, MIDDLEGROUND, and BACKGROUND in this painting?

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>