

Anton Spreng, *A Peasant Eating* (19th century)

Abstract

This image, created by Austrian artist Anton Spreng, depicts a man enjoying a meal of bread and sausage. His physical appearance, as much as his clothing and diet, situate him as a peasant. While this peasant's meager repast shows that hunger was still a major problem in eighteenth-century Germany, new nutrient-dense crops were rapidly being included in the diets of Germans; Frederick the Great of Prussia famously introduced the potato to his kingdom during his reign.

Source



Source: Anton Spreng, *A Peasant Eating* (after Adriaen Brouwer), aquatint and etching on paper, 19th century. National Gallery of Art

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