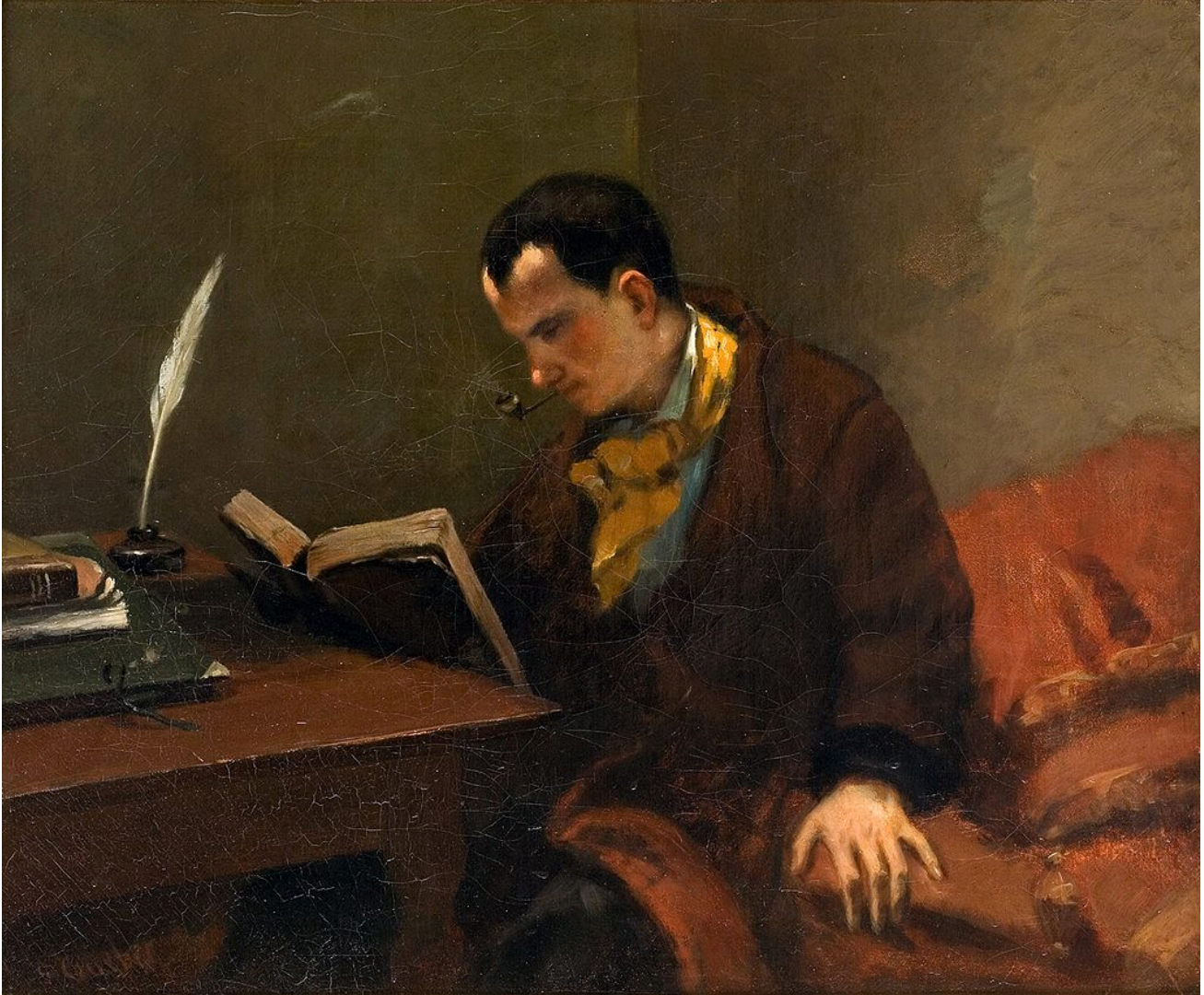# Spleen by Charles Baudelaire

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Portrait of Charles Baudelaire, Gustave Courbet, 1840

Spleen

I have a thousand years of memories.

A chest of drawers rammed full of elegies,

Of served writs, *billets doux* and balance sheets,

Romances, heavy plaits rolled in receipts,

Encloses fewer secrets than my *mind*