

Artist Fact-File: Meet a Master

Learning objective: To research the life and work of a famous artist and identify key techniques and styles.

Choose a famous artist you would like to learn about. Use your library books or school research tools to fill in this fact-file. Remember to look for details about the materials they used and the period of time they lived in.

Word bank: Portrait · Landscape · Abstract · Technique · Medium · Masterpiece · Expression · Composition · Palette · Inspiration

1. Artist Name and Era: Who is the artist, and when were they born? Which century did they create their most famous work in? (2 marks)

2. Key Style and Themes: Describe the way this artist paints or sculpts. What subjects do they focus on most often? (3 marks)

3. Materials and Methods: What medium did the artist use (e.g., oil paints, watercolours, charcoal)? Did they have a unique way of applying their paint? (3 marks)

4. A Famous Masterpiece: Name one of their most famous works. What do you see in the image and how does it make you feel? (4 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: Why do you think this artist is considered important in the history of art? What have you learned from studying them? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Zara the zebra. Choose one of the artist's paintings and write a short poem describing the patterns and colours you see, just like Zara would!