

Year 5 Art Assessment: The Colours of Autumn

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of colour theory, texture, and natural patterns inspired by the autumn season.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of colour mixing and artistic techniques to answer. Ensure your written responses are clear and use subject-specific vocabulary.

Zara the zebra is heading to the forest to collect inspiration for her latest autumn project. She notices how the leaves change from deep green to vibrant shades of gold, burnt orange, and crimson. She wants to create a piece of art that captures the crisp texture of a fallen leaf and the way the light filters through the canopy.

Word bank: warm colours · cool colours · complementary · texture · leaf rubbings · primary · secondary · shade · tone · opacity

1. Zara wants to use a 'warm' colour palette for her autumn painting. Name three colours she should include in her work and explain why these are considered warm. (3 marks)

2. Explain the difference between a 'tint' and a 'shade' when mixing paint. How could you use these to add depth to an autumn leaf? (3 marks)

3. If Zara wanted to create a high-contrast piece, which colour group should she use to contrast against her warm autumn leaves? Give an example of a pair of colours that would achieve this. (3 marks)

4. Describe one technique you could use to create a 'tactile' or rough texture on a piece of paper to represent the bark of an autumn tree. (2 marks)

5. Why do artists often observe nature closely before beginning a landscape painting? Refer to patterns and shapes found in autumn leaves. (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you are designing an autumn-themed collage. Describe your process from selecting materials to the final composition. Include how you would use colour, shape, and balance to make your artwork visually interesting. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: In the space below, create a thumbnail sketch of a woodland scene. Use hatching and cross-hatching techniques to show the texture of a fallen leaf. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Total: /25