

Masterpieces and Movements: A Year 4 Art Investigation

Learning objective: To identify key artists, understand their unique techniques, and analyse how they used colour, texture, and form to communicate ideas.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of art history. Read the front, think about the artist's unique style, then check the answer on the back.

Which artist is famous for painting water lilies and the changing light in his garden at Giverny?

Claude Monet

What is the name of the artistic movement that focuses on capturing the immediate 'impression' of a moment using light and loose brushstrokes?

Impressionism

Who is the artist famous for creating 'Starry Night', known for using thick, swirling paint called impasto?

Vincent van Gogh

What do we call a painting that features an arrangement of inanimate objects, such as fruit or flowers?

Still life

Which artist is known for using bold, primary colours and black lines to create abstract geometric compositions?

Piet Mondrian

What term describes the way an artist creates the illusion of depth and distance on a flat surface?

Perspective

Who is the artist famous for painting large, colourful portraits that often feature distorted or cubist shapes?

Pablo Picasso

What is a 'palette' in the context of an artist's work?

The range of colours an artist chooses to use in a specific piece of work

Which artist used the 'pointillism' technique, creating images by using tiny, distinct dots of pure colour?

Georges Seurat

What is the difference between a portrait and a landscape painting?

A portrait depicts a person or group of people, while a landscape depicts natural scenery like mountains, forests, or valleys.

Why might an artist choose to use a 'warm' colour palette instead of a 'cool' one?

To evoke specific emotions, such as energy, passion, or happiness, compared to calmness or sadness.

How does texture change the way a viewer experiences a painting?

It adds physical or visual depth, making the surface feel dynamic, rough, or soft rather than flat.