

Artist Study: Unlocking the Masterpiece

Learning objective: To research, analyse, and evaluate the life and techniques of a famous artist, identifying how their style influenced the world of art.

Choose a famous artist to study. Use books or library resources to find information about their life and their creative style. Fill in the boxes below to build your own artist fact-file. Remember to explain your own opinions on their work using art-specific vocabulary.

Word bank: composition · perspective · vibrant · brushwork · contrast · medium · abstract · gallery · technique · influence

1. Artist Profile: Who is the artist, when did they live, and what is the primary medium they used to create their work? (2 marks)

2. Technique Analysis: Describe the artist's unique style. How did they use colour, line, and texture to create their signature look? (3 marks)

3. The Masterpiece: Choose one famous artwork by this artist. Describe what you see in the composition and explain why you think they chose to arrange it this way. (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: If you were to compare this artist's style to another artist you have studied, what are the key similarities and differences? (4 marks)

5. Critical Evaluation: Justify why this artist is considered 'famous'. Do you think their work has had a lasting impact on art history? Why or why not? (4 marks)

6. Creative Reflection: What might happen to the world of art if this person had never picked up a paintbrush or a pencil? Explain your reasoning. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Zara the zebra invites you to create your own original artwork inspired by the artist you have just studied. In your sketch, try to incorporate one of their signature techniques (such as their choice of colour palette or their specific style of brushwork). Once finished, write a short 'curator's label' explaining how your piece pays homage to the original artist.