

# Masterpiece Investigator: Artist Study Template

*Learning objective: To research, analyse, and evaluate the work of a famous artist, identifying key stylistic choices and historical context.*

Choose a famous artist you would like to investigate. Research their life and their most famous works. Use this template to record your findings, ensuring you look closely at the techniques and colours they used. Think like Zara the zebra and look for the patterns and artistic choices that make their work unique.

*Word bank: Technique · Composition · Palette · Impressionism · Surrealism · Perspective · Influence · Medium · Texture · Foreground*

**1. Artist Profile: Who is the artist? State their name, the era they lived in, and the movement they were associated with. (2 marks)**

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**2. Visual Analysis: Describe the colour palette and the types of brushstrokes the artist typically used. Why might they have chosen these? (4 marks)**

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**3. Contextual Understanding: Explain why the artist's work was considered innovative for their time. What historical events might have influenced their creative choices? (4 marks)**

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**4. Comparative Study: Compare and contrast this artist's style with another artist you have studied. What are the key similarities and differences in their approach? (5 marks)**

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**5. Personal Interpretation: Justify your opinion on this artist's work. What message do you think the artist is trying to convey to the viewer? (3 marks)**

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**6. Critical Reflection: What might have happened to the art world if this artist had never existed? Explain the potential impact on future generations of creators. (4 marks)**

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*Extension challenge: Design a new original artwork in the style of your chosen artist. Write a short curator's note (100 words) explaining how you incorporated their specific techniques, such as their use of light, shadow, or geometric patterns, into your own piece.*