

Zara’s Spooky Art Vocabulary Mat

Learning objective: To develop a sophisticated artistic vocabulary to describe mood, tone, and technique in autumnal and seasonal artwork.

Key Vocabulary

Use this reference mat to help you describe your Halloween-themed compositions. The terms are grouped by artistic focus to help you refine your critique and creative process.

Atmospheric Describing a piece of art that c...	Chiaroscuro An Italian term for the strong c...	Silhouette A dark shape or outline seen aga...
Monochromatic A colour scheme based on ...	Eerie Something that causes a feeling of my...	Composition The way in which the different...
Texture The perceived surface quality of a ...	Contrast The arrangement of opposite elem...	Foreground The part of a scene or picture t...
Background The area of an artwork that ap...	Opaque A quality where light cannot pass th...	Translucent A quality where some light pas...
Vibrant Using bright, striking, or bold colours...	Gothic A style associated with mystery, dec...	Perspective The technique used to represen...
Explain why an ar...	Compare and con...	Justify your choi...
What might happ...	How does the tec...	Critique your own... Which of the vocabula...