

Deepening Understanding

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Famous Artists by Beth Gascoigne-Owens



Do you know any famous artists? There are lots of very famous artists and lots of different types of art. Some artists paint, some draw or sketch, some illustrate books and some use clay to make statues or models. Some artists even create art using nature. Here is some information about some different well-known artists.

Q1

List two things artists can make out of clay.

1) _____

2) _____

2 Marks



Paul Klee

Paul Klee was an abstract painter. Abstract art is a way to draw or paint something that doesn't look exactly like the real thing. It is a representation of the thing being drawn or painted, a little bit like how something might look in a strange dream! Paul Klee was born in Switzerland in 1879. He wanted to be an artist when he was young but he didn't think he was good enough. He realised that abstract painting suited him and he became very well-known for his art work.

Wassily Kandinsky (pronounced Vas-ill-ee)

Like Paul Klee, Wassily Kandinsky was also an abstract artist. He was born in Russia in 1866 and he was a teacher before he became an artist. He believed colours could make us feel different things. Do you think there are happy colours or sad colours? Many people do! Most of Kandinsky's art work used shapes.

Q2

What type of artist was Paul Klee?

1 Mark

Q3

Where was Wassily Kandinsky born?
Circle one.

Switzerland

England

Russia

France

1 Mark





Quentin Blake

Quentin Blake is a very different artist to Klee or Kandinsky. He is a book illustrator which means he draws pictures to suit a story or book. He drew the pictures for Roald Dahl's books. You probably remember his pictures of *The Enormous Crocodile* or *The Twits*! He was born in London in 1932 and started drawing when he was young. He was only 16 when he sold his first pictures to a magazine. He tends to sketch his book illustrations.

Q4

Why is Quentin Blake a different artist to Wassily Kandinsky?

1 Mark



Frida Kahlo (pronounced Fr-ee-da K-ar-low)

Frida Kahlo was born in 1907. She was a Mexican artist and she tended to paint people's faces (portraits). She was poorly when she was young and she wanted to become a doctor. After a bad bus accident, Frida was left with injuries so she painted pictures of herself and her family while she got better. This led to her life of being an artist.

Henri Matisse

Henri Matisse was born in France in 1869. He was not going to become an artist. He was going to be a lawyer. His paintings were seen as very different to other artists and he used strong colours. He later used collage to make his art work. Some of his art work has sold for millions of pounds.

Q5

What did Frida Kahlo do after her bus accident?

1 Mark

Q6

What was Henri Matisse going to be before he became an artist?

1 Mark



Q7

Match the artist to the correct fact about them.

Paul Klee

used many strong colours in his work

Quentin Blake

was an abstract artist

Frida Kahlo

illustrated Roald Dahl's stories

Henri Matisse

painted many pictures of their family

1 Mark



You have probably heard some people say they are 'bad' at art. You might have even said it about yourself. As you can see from some of the artists above, everybody is different. All artists start their job in different ways and they all have a different style. You will have your own style too. Just keep trying and never give up!

Q8

If you think you are bad at art, should you give up?



Yes



No

Explain why!

2 Marks

