

How does colour affect mood?

Skills: Create art inspired by Van Gogh's Sunflowers creating their own using powder paint as a colour wash. Explore impact of colour on mood eg yellow - happy, blue - sad, red - angry etc.

Key vocabulary

Vincent Van Gogh
Powder paint
Colour wash
Water colours
Resistant
Techniques
texture
Pattern
Lines
Tone
Mixing
Colour
Mood
Media

Must-know knowledge

Often when artists use colour in a painting they are trying to communicate an emotion, mood or atmosphere.

Vincent Van Gogh understood that red and green, yellow and purple, blue and orange brightens each other. That's why he used yellow and blue - so its not too bright.

The size and direction of the brush stroke will also affect the look and feel of the painting. Each brush stroke will give the painting a vibrant and bold look.

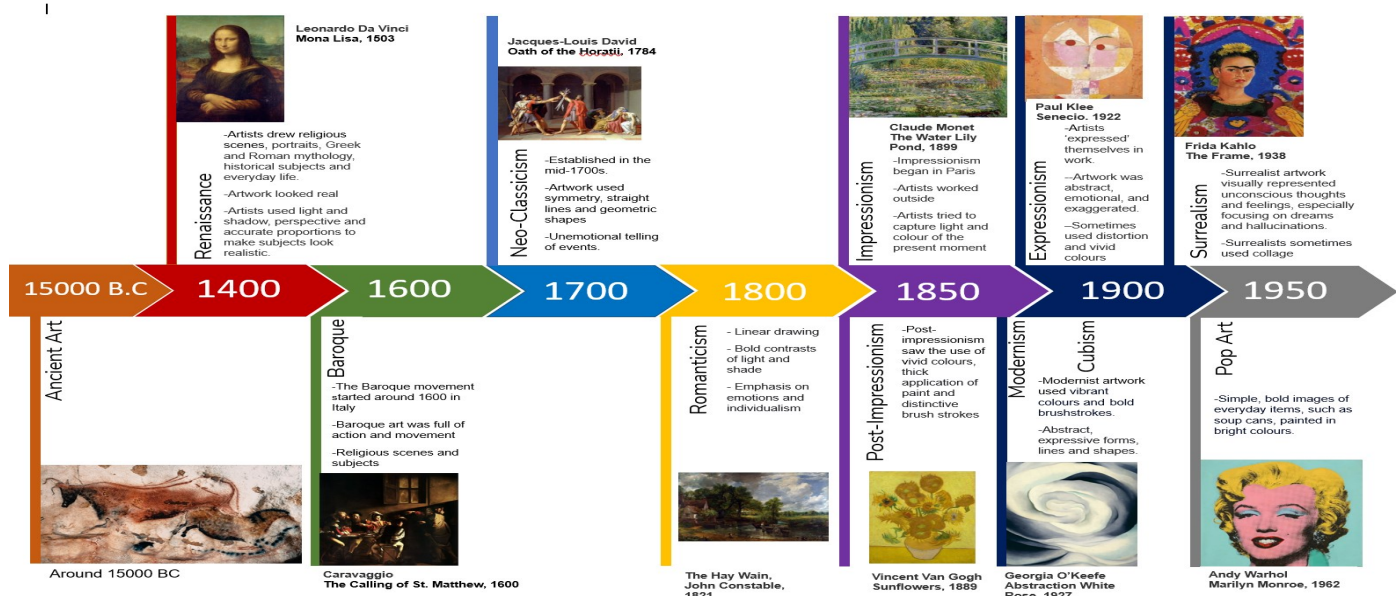
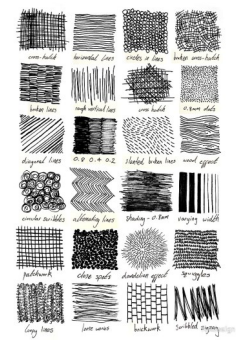
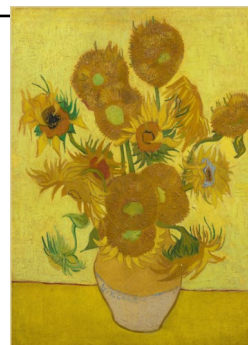
Colour wash technique is used with water based paint to create an even layer of colour all the way through the entire wash as a fine background for the artwork made with oil pastels.

Oil pastels are used in this artwork to produce areas resistant to the colour wash and can be used with different shade, texture and tone.

Key people and quotes

"It is good to love many things, for therein lies strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done with love is well done."

- Vincent Van Gogh



Art History Timeline