

# Art and Great North American

# Artists design

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We looked at the photography of Ansel Adams. He liked to take monochrome photographs as he found colour distracting.



**Ansel Adams**  
(1902-1984)

Ansel Adams is considered to be one of the greatest American photographers. He is famous for his incredible images of the West of America, including Yosemite National Park in California.

He is also famous for making photography an important art form. Before Ansel Adams, photography wasn't thought of as a type of art.

Ansel Adams loved hiking and camping, which he needed to do in order to find the amazing places that he photographed. He used to say that it was easy to take a photograph, but it was easier to make a beautiful piece of art when painting, sculpting or drawing. He thought it was much more difficult to make a piece of beautiful art using a photograph.

Ansel Adams was prepared to climb to the best viewpoints and brave the worst weather to get the perfect photograph.

Sometimes if I see something bright and colourful in a room it does distract me so I can understand what Ansel Adams said.



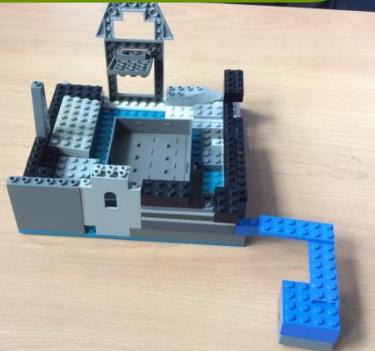
I thought it was better working with colour as I think it makes the picture more interesting and realistic and makes it come alive.

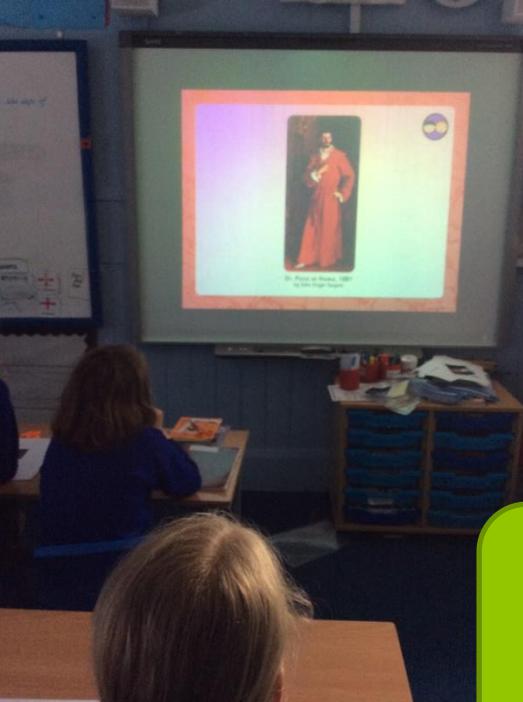


We looked at the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright and then made model houses using his buildings as inspiration.

I found it interesting how he didn't want the houses to look like other houses and that he used nature to inspire him.

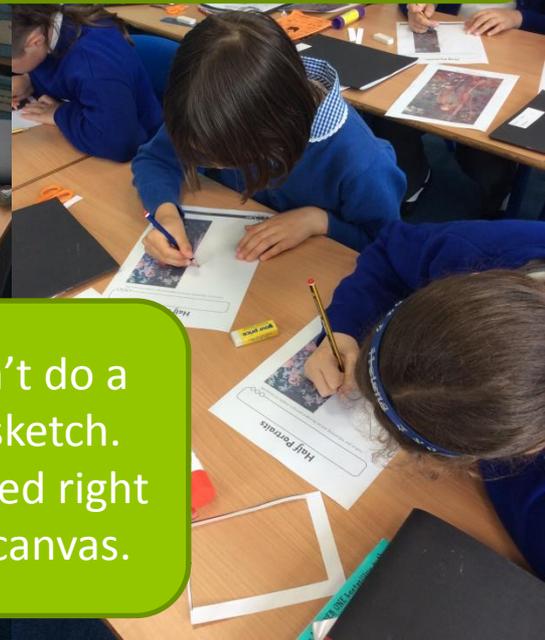
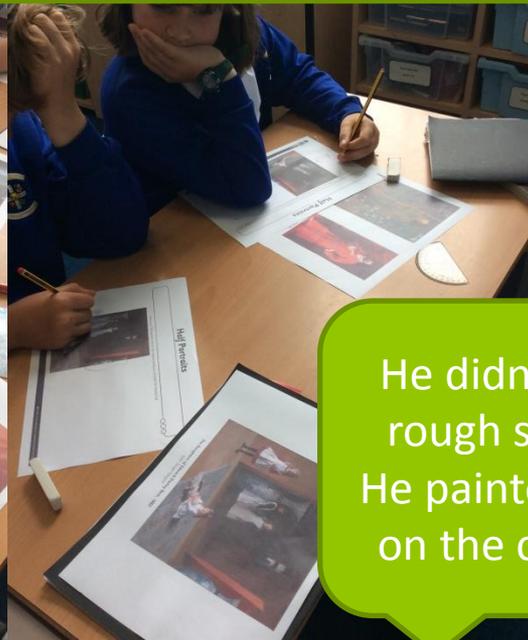
He liked using different shapes, took inspiration from the Japanese style and liked to link it in with nature.



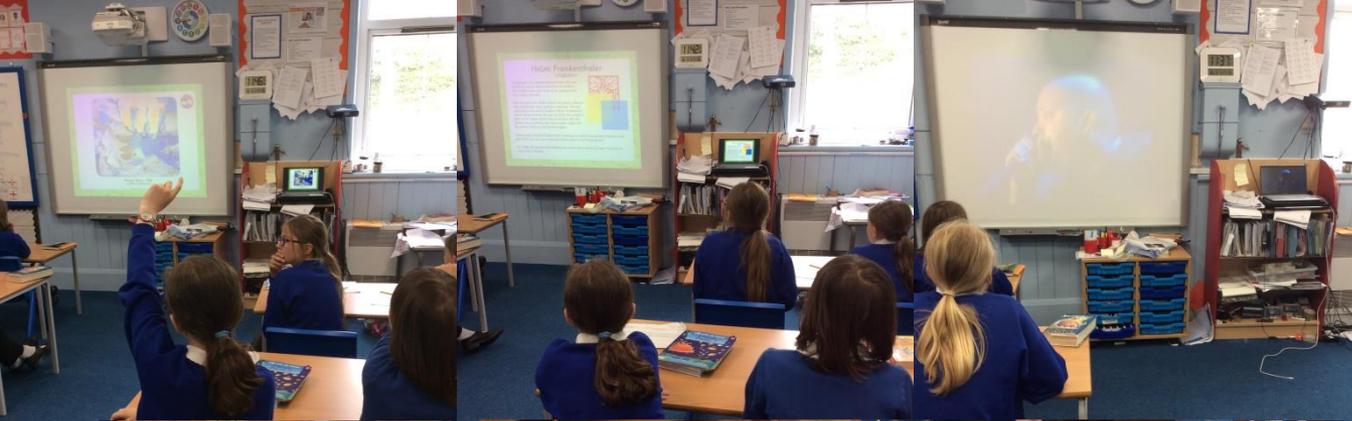


We looked at paintings by John Singer Sargent and then filled in the other half of his portraits using his paintings as a guide.

It was interesting that he made the expressions not just smiles. It made it seem more of a natural pose.



He didn't do a rough sketch. He painted right on the canvas.



Today we looked at the work of Helen Frankenthaler. She was an abstract painter.



We drew around each other and then filled in the shapes we made to try and represent an emotion.





Excited



Happy

Our finished pieces



Confused



Adventurous

## Culture Capital

Children develop an appreciation of different artistic styles  
Children develop their own opinions and appreciate those of others



What I have learnt before:

Previous artist studies – Tiffany, Van Gogh

Collage

Drawing units

## Forever facts

Photography and architecture are forms of art

The artist John Singer Sargent, photographer Ansel Adams, artist Helen Frankenthaler and architect Frank Lloyd Wright are great American artists

What is happening in the world can impact on the type of art being produced

Artists are inspired by many different things including: nature, family music, toys, childhood etc

## Skills

I can evaluate my own and others' work – explaining and justifying my opinion

I can analyse and comment on my own and others' ideas

I can use inspiration from other cultures

I can explore alongside the work of others to develop my own work

## Exciting Books



## Our Endpoint

To discuss great American artists

## Subject Specific Vocabulary

## portrait

a painting, drawing, photograph, or engraving of a person

## landscape

a picture of natural scenery

## abstract

art that does not attempt to represent an accurate depiction of a visual reality but instead use shapes, colours, forms and gestural marks to achieve its effect

## architect

a person who designs buildings

## skyscraper

a very tall building of many storeys

## flamboyant

tending to attract attention because of their exuberance, confidence, and stylishness

## geometric

characterized by or decorated with regular lines and shapes

## inspiration

someone or something that gives you ideas for doing something