

Exploring Still Life



Art
Year 4

Paul Cezanne

Cezanne was a French Post-Impressionist painter.

Cézanne's often repetitive, exploratory brushstrokes are highly characteristic and clearly recognisable. He used planes of colour and small brushstrokes that build up to form complex areas. His interest was not in the objects themselves but in using them to experiment with shape, colour, and lighting. He arranged his still-lives so that everything locked together.

Vocabulary:

Still life: A collection of inanimate objects (things that are not living) arranged in a specific way

Composition: The position & organisation of shapes on the paper

Tone: The lightness/darkness of a shape

Line: The outer edges of an object

Shape: The outline of the object

Proportion: The size of an object in relation to other objects

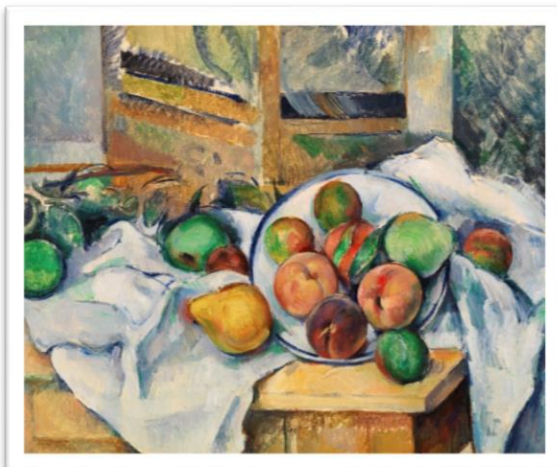
Balance: The even spreading of objects and shapes on the design

Collage: Art created through combining materials, paints and techniques.

Key Knowledge



- That when artists make work in response to static objects around them it is called still life.
- That still life has been a genre for many hundreds of years, and is it still relevant today.
- That when artists work with still life, they bring their own comments and meaning to the objects they portray.
- That we can make a still life creative response in many media: drawing, painting, collage, relief...
- That we can use line, shape, colour, texture, and form to help us give meaning to our work, and explore composition, foreground, background, and negative space.



Composition

Composition is the arrangement of different elements in a piece of artwork.

As well as positioning, elements like shapes, lines and colours can have an impact on composition.

Why is Composition Important?

Whether it is a painting, drawing, photograph, print or even a piece of sculpture, the way the elements are arranged effect how we feel about the artwork. The artist might be trying to convey an emotion, or communicate a message, and artists use tools they have through composition to help sell those "messages".