

Year 8 Art Vocabulary List

(Tier 2 and Tier 3)



Abstraction - is a style of art that selects and emphasises one, or a number of the elements and principles of art, in order to depict an object or idea in an unrealistic manner.

Aesthetic - is the term used for everything that is concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty. Also, can be used as a set of principles underlying the work of a particular artist or artistic movement: " the Punk aesthetic ".

Composition - The placement or arrangement of elements or parts in artwork.

Cropping - in art is a method of selecting parts of a scene in order to find an interesting composition.

Culture - the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society.

Enlargement - refers to a larger version of an image or of a work. Making an enlargement is sometimes called a blow-up or scaling up.

Medium - in the art world is the term for the material used to create artwork. Mediums can include paint or inks, sculpting materials, fabric, glass, and even sound or living people in some cases.

Overlap - in art is the placement of objects over one another in order to create the illusion of depth.

Style - refers to the visual appearance of a work of art that relates it to other works by artists from a particular genre, or "school", art movement or culture.

Viewfinder - is a tool that enables artists to frame or crop a particular scene to arrange their composition. It is usually a square or a rectangle made out of card or plastic through which you look at an area in more detail.