Knowledge Organiser for

Self Portraits

Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Portrait	A piece of artwork showing a person.
Self Portrait	A portrait that an artist creates of themselves.
Facial Features	Eyes, nose, mouth, lips, eyebrows, freckles etc
Represent	How an artist shows what a person is like in a portrait.
Tone	The lightness or darkness of something.
Highlights	Where the light is strongest on an object.
Shadows	Darker areas where there is less light on an object

Vincent Van Gogh

Was a Dutch painter who is among the most famous artists to have ever lived.

He is most famous for paintings such as Sunflower, The Starry Night and his Self portraits.

He experimented with the use of colour in his painting and often used vivid colours to depict landscapes.

Knowledge

A portrait is a painting or a photograph of a persons face and its expression. The purpose of a **portrait** is to show the likeness, personality or even the mood of a person. For this reason, in photography, a portrait is actually not a snapshot, but a calm image of a person in a still position. A portrait normally shows a person looking directly at the painter or photographer,
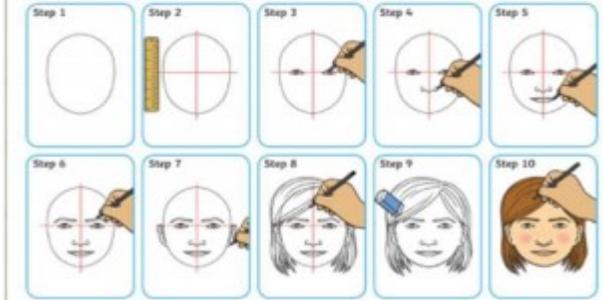
A self-portrait is a picture of the artist drawing it. The earliest example of a **self-portrait** made was Jan Van Eyck in 1433. One of the most famous self-portrait painters was **Vincent Van Gogh.** He painted a picture of himself 37 times from 1886 to 1889.
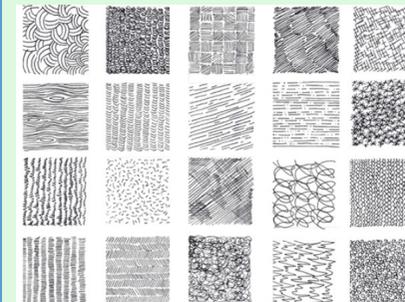
Learning Outcomes

- Draw using pencil and crayons.
- Draw lines of different shapes and thickness, using 2 different grades of pencil.
- Communicate something about themselves in their drawing.
- Create moods in their drawing.

Diagrams

Drawing — How to Draw a Self-Portrait

Remember to look closely at your features in a mirror and think about the shapes you draw.

Mark Making

Is the term used to describe the different lines, patterns and textures we create in art work.

Useful links

Art and Design KS1 / KS2: How to draw a lifelike self-portrait or portrait - BBC Teach

Useful texts