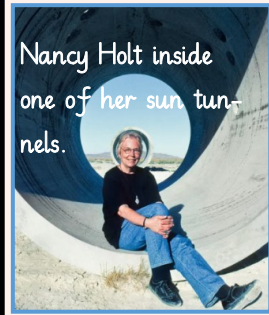




LAND ART

Key Works and Key Artists

Land art or earth art is art that is made straight into the landscape,



Nancy Holt inside one of her sun tunnels.

sculpting the land itself into earthworks or making structures in the landscape using natural materials such as rocks or twigs. The most famous land art work is Robert Smithson's Spiral Jetty, which is so large that it was made with JCB diggers! Land art is usually made of earth, rock, mud, stone, wood, twigs and other nature based materials that will weather and age because they are outside. This changes how the art looks over time.



Spiral Jetty

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
earthwork	a large non-natural bank of soil
landscape	all that we can see of an area of land
abstract	art that does not attempt to show reality, but rather use shapes, colours and textures
sculpture	make or represent a form through a shaping techniques
materials	the substances that are utilized by an artist to create a work of art
dowels	a pin or peg used to fasten together two pieces of wood

How can line, shape and colour make people feel emotions?

Land artists draw 2D designs on paper to make a finished artwork in 3D. They choose natural materials carefully and their use of line, colour and shape make their audience recall physical rather than human landscape features, like waves or trees.

Nancy Holt's sun tunnels make us think of the warmth, colour and brightness of the sun with their cylinder shape. They are large tubes made of concrete, lined up with the sunrise and sunset.



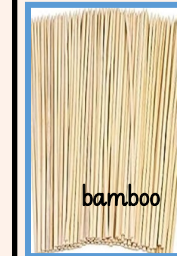
Richard Long did not make a shape. He made a line! He simply walked up and down in a field of grass, until he had made a mark in the earth. He called this artwork, 'A long line made by walking'!

Materials, Techniques and Tools:

Tools are needed to fix the natural materials to each other to create the shapes and design of a finished piece of land art.



weathered wood

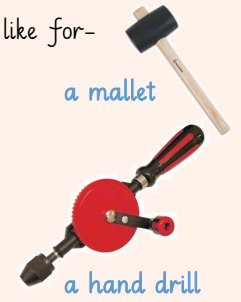


bamboo

By using flexible materials like bamboo, people can create different lines and shapes in their artwork. Bamboo can be cut into shapes or pushed into the earth to make a line or recall a landscape feature like forests or waves.



wood dowels



a mallet

a hand drill

Using hand drills to put holes in wood first, then means mallets and wood dowels can fix pieces of wood together.



Wood can also be fixed together by tying. This is called lashing.

This is a square lash because it is shaped like a square!

