



Modern Era

This era of art happened in the early 1900s. Artists wanted to look towards a modern future and move away from art that only showed real life forms. They began to experiment with colour, shapes and lines.

Key Vocabulary

Modernist era	a period of time that artists began to experiment with art, moving away from realistic artwork towards abstract art
complementary colours	pairs of colours that are opposite on the colour wheel that contrast with each other
warm colours	colours like red, orange and yellow that make you feel warm
cool colours	colours like blue and green that make you feel cool and calm
foreground	part of an image that is nearest to the front; it is layered on top of something else
background	the scenery that is behind an image, it has other things layered over it

Painting – Watercolour

Watercolour is a type of paint that the artist mixes with water to create a layer of paint. The more water on the brush, the lighter the paint colour and less water produces a darker, stronger paint colour.



Georgia O'Keeffe

Georgia O'Keeffe was a Modernist painter who is best known for her unique paintings of flowers and landscapes. She was an important artist because she was one of the first female artists to gain respect in the 1920s. She used simplified shapes and blended colours to show different parts of nature.

