

Eighth Grade Masterpiece Project.

Choose an Artist that you admire and that you would like to find out about. Some suggestions are: Vangogh, Renoir, Cezanne, Gauguin, Hopper, Dali, Magritte, Monet, Manet, Degas, Wood, Chagall, O'Keefe, and Morisot. See me if you have an artist other than the artists on this list. Do a Google search both for biographical information and for images. Your written paper should be no longer than one and one half pages. Follow the guideline questions at the end of these instructions. . These will help you write your paper. You will need an introduction and a conclusion. When you search images, decide on one of the paintings that you will try to duplicate. Challenge yourself, but don't pick something that will be discouraging for you. See me for advice. This project is due on the end of the grading period for quarter two. This is after Christmas. This may seem like a long time but it is not. Use class time wisely.

Start by deciding on your artist. Do the search for both the biographical information and for images.

Find the name of the artist and where he or she was born. Include information on the family of the artist and about their economic circumstances. Explain all phases of the artist's career.

Discuss in detail, information about the style of the artist and about his ideas about art. What influenced him? Where were there any other artists that he worked with? Was he influenced by another artist? Why do others consider this artist important?

Did the artist change his style many times during his career? What was the artist trying to communicate through his art?

Was the work of this artist appreciated by the public? How did the artist use color and design? What made his style different?

What was the artist's inspiration? Can you imagine devoting your life to art? What obstacles would you have to face? Do you like the work of this artist? Why or why not?

What do you think your life would be like if you were an artist? It has been said that a real artist is doing more than using design and color; he is communicating his thoughts and feelings. What is your opinion on this?