

Understanding art (worksheet)

Activity 1

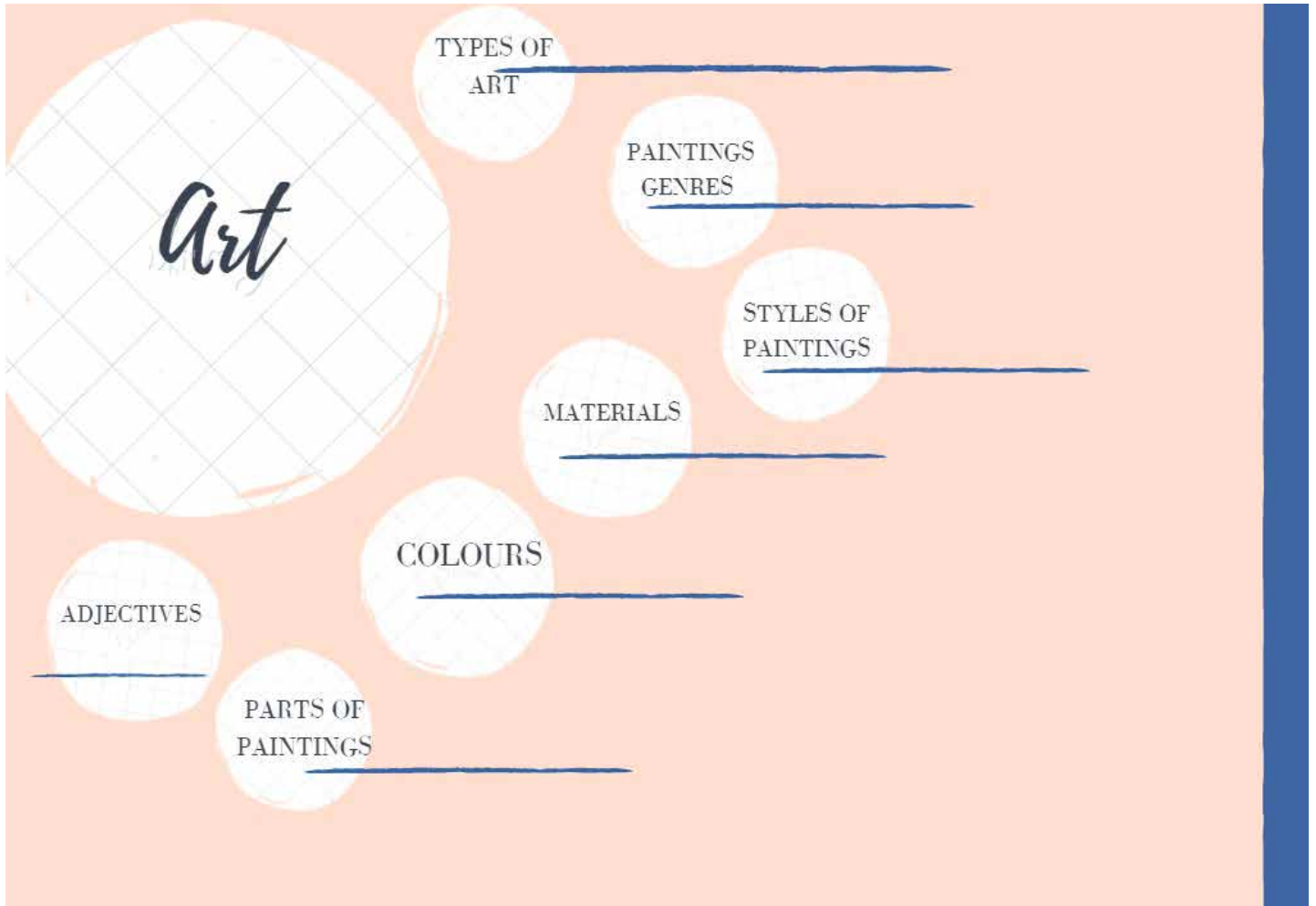
Describe the photos in pairs. What do they have in common?



Photos taken from <http://www.amusingplanet.com/2011/12/photo-remake-of-famous-paintings.html>

Activity 2

Complete the mind map.



Complete your mind map with the words below:

landscape, acrylics, lifelike, soft, bright, oils, impressionism, cold, still life, midground, background, photography, crayons, cubism, architecture, watercolours, chalk, a portrait, abstract, layers, foreground, transparent, installation, dreamlike, outstanding.

Activity 3

Discuss the questions with your partner:



Pictures taken from <https://pixabay.com>

1. How interested are you in art?
2. What kind of art do you like – paintings, sculpture, ceramics, etc.?
3. What do you think of contemporary art / installation art / abstract art?
4. Do you have any artistic talents?
5. How often do you go to art galleries? What was the last art gallery you went to? What did you think of it?
6. What's the best exhibition you have ever been to?
7. Who's your favourite artist? (What do you feel when you see one of his/ her artworks?)
8. How would the world be different without artists?
9. Do colours affect how you feel? your mood?
10. What are the most famous paintings in the world?

Activity 4

Look at the paintings. Match the names and the paintings. Match the with artists.

Starry Night			A Salvador Dali
Self-Portrait Without Beard			B Rembrandt van Rijn
The Last Supper			C Michelangelo
Girl With A Pearl Earring			D Edvard Munch
The Scream			E Pablo Picasso
The Night Watch			F Vincent van Gogh
Mona Lisa			G Vincent van Gogh
Guernica			H Leonardo da Vinci
The Persistence Of Memory			I Johannes Vermeer
The Creation Of Adam			J Leonardo da Vinci



Pictures taken from <https://www.wikipedia.org/>

[Watch the video and check.](#)

Activity 5

Read the description. Guess the name of the painting and the artist, write them in squares.

This painting, which _____ , is an _____ landscape of an expressive night sky over a small hillside village. _____ of the night scene _____ a flame-like cypress reaching almost to the top edge of the canvas, serving as a visual link between land and sky. Considered symbolically, the cypress _____ as a bridge between life, as represented by the earth, and death, as represented by the sky, commonly associated with heaven.

_____, on the right, the artist depicts a nameless European village amidst a dark wilderness. It stretches from the foot of the hills in the silence of the night and create color depth.

is _____ his greatest masterpiece of

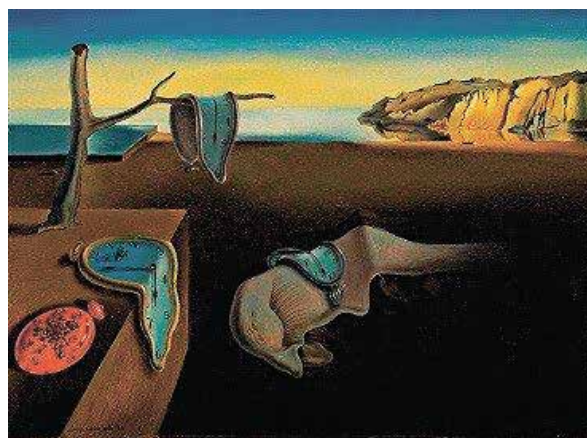
Complete the gaps, using the following words:

In the foreground, In the background, perhaps, abstract, there is, looks like, belongs to the brush of.

Activity 6

Describe a painting from activity 4 according to the plan:

1. the subject of a painting (what is depicted in it)
2. the composition (how space is arranged) and the colours
3. the details
4. the impression made by the picture



The text adapted from <https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Starry-Night>

Activity 7

Discuss with your partner:

- What do you know about Vincent van Gogh?
- Why is "Starry night" so special?



Picture taken from <https://www.wikipedia.org/>

Watch the video and answer the question:

1. What is van Gogh's style? What do the artist of this style depict?
2. Where was Vincent van Gogh born?
3. What was the subject of his paintings?
4. Why did van Gogh check in at the hospital voluntarily?
5. What does the swirling sky demonstrate?
6. What is the interpretation of the composition?
7. What did Vincent van Gogh try to teach people in this painting?

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