**Describing Paintings Video Sheet**

Video link: <https://youtu.be/iGBk2gS1uy8>

**Different styles in painting**

**What do you know about these different styles? Add some notes to the description column.**

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|  | **Style** | **Description** |
| **1** | **Renaissance**  |  |
| **2** | **Baroque**  |  |
| **3** | **Rococo**  |  |
| **4** | **Neoclassicism** |  |
| **5** | **Romanticism** |  |
| **6** | **Realism** |  |
| **7** | **Impressionism**  |  |
| **8** | **Post-Impressionism**  |  |
| **9** | **Expressionism**  |  |
| **10** | **Cubism**  |  |
| **11** | **Surrealism**  |  |
| **12** | **Abstract Art**  |  |
| **13** | **Pop Art**  |  |
| **14** | **Minimalism**  |  |

**Describing Paintings: Language Phrases for Describing Paintings**

When describing paintings, we usually focus on four areas: general description, style and technique, colours and mood, and personal interpretation. Below are useful English phrases for each.

**1. General Description**

***This painting shows / depicts / portrays…***

***The artwork represents…***

***It is a portrait of… / It is a landscape of…***

***The scene is set in…***

***It appears to be…***

**2. Talking about Style & Technique**

***It was painted in the [Renaissance / Impressionist / Cubist / etc...] style.***

***I think it was painted by (artist’s name)…and is called…***

***The artist uses bright / muted / contrasting / earthy / colours.***

***The brushstrokes are bold / delicate / expressive / loose / full of movement / precise...***

***The composition is balanced / symmetrical / fragmented with…***

***It is painted in oil / watercolour / fresco / acrylic on canvas.***

**3. Colours & Mood**

***The dominant colours are…***

***The use of light creates a dramatic / calm / mysterious / striking / unsettling / stark / effect.***

***The colours give the painting a warm / cold / vibrant / monumental / formal / serious atmosphere.***

***The mood of the painting is joyful / melancholic / unsettling / reflective / tense /*** *austere / serene****.***

**4. Interpretation & Personal Response**

***The painting might symbolise…***

***It could reflect the artist’s feelings about…***

***It makes me feel…***

***I like this work because…***

***This reminds me of…***

**Practice**



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| **2. Talking about Style & Technique*****It was painted in the …… style.******I think it was painted by (artist’s name)… and is called…******The artist uses … colours of…******The brushstrokes are….******The composition is … with…******It is painted in….*** |
| **3. Colours & Mood*****The dominant colours are…******The use of light creates a …. effect.******The colours give the painting a … atmosphere.******The mood of the painting is …*** |
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