

Art & Design Knowledge Organiser

In the dark of night

Key Words

colour	brilliant
contrasting effect	light
feature	dark
light source	artist
symbolise	bold
	natural

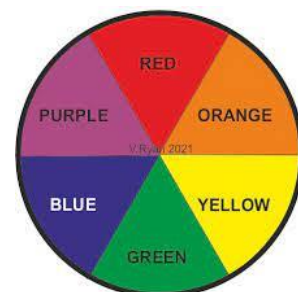


Summary

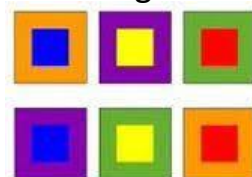
The night-time has inspired many artists to create captivating artwork. The contrast of light and dark attracts us to the main feature of the artwork. Many artists also believe that when light shines on a person in a painting, it makes the person appear more life-like. Artists like Gentileschi also use colour to symbolise different emotions, such as sadness, hope and happiness.

Main Learning

Colour wheel



Contrasting colours



The explosion of colour against darkness can create a powerful effect that draws in the eye.

The contrast of light and dark is a good way to bring attention to the main feature of artwork.

People

William Blake



Vincent Van Gogh



Artemisia Gentileschi



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colour	technique
contrast	experiment
effect	evaluate
natural light	light
compare	dark
symbolise	impact
brushstroke	bold



Summary

The effect of natural light, like the moon or the stars, shining on a person in a painting to make them seem more life-like is particularly strong when used in contrast with a dark, night sky. Many artists use this effect in their artwork. By using strong and bold brushstrokes, artists like Gentileschi are able to create paintings that portray individuals as being brave and powerful.

Main Learning

Natural light sources used by artists include; the sun, moon, stars, fire and lightning.



William
Blake



People
Vincent
Van Gogh



Artemisia
Gentileschi



Emotions



Visual
language



Effects