

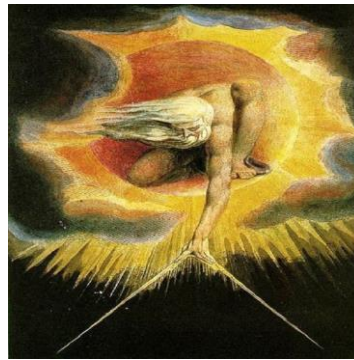
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Dreams and nightmares

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Key Words

sculpture technique
 form Surrealism
 meditation medium
 combination recognise
 texture
 expression



Summary

Dreams and nightmares have played an important role in the life of artists and designers, particularly since the late 18th century. They are seen as a big part of artistic imagination and have been used as inspiration for many pieces of famous artwork. Surrealist artists wanted to create artwork to try and explain the mysteries of what we dream about.

Main Learning

Sculpture – this form of artwork has often been used to make unusual shapes and images based on dreams.
 Most sculptures are made using a combination of shapes to make things we can recognise.
 Texture is then used to show feelings and expression – this can make the sculpture more lifelike.
 Other mediums such as watercolour, pen and ink were used by William Blake, along with small brushstrokes and contrasting colours to create artwork based on dreams.

Important People

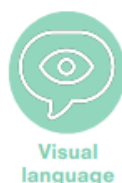
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What should I already know?

What contrasting colours are and how to use them to create a sense of power and strength in artwork.

How to use a range of mediums to create pieces of artwork.

"Art should be an echo, a feeling of your heart. A mirror, a container of memory." - Jaume Plensa



"If you understand a painting beforehand, you might as well not paint it." - Salvador Dalí



Emotions



Visual language



Effects