

## What is Symbolism?

Symbolism is a style of art, music and poetry. This style suggests ideas through symbols and emphasises the meaning behind the shapes and colours.

Symbolism art is based on personal experience of the Artists, often linked to subjects such as death and dreams.

Most symbolic art provides no explanation which allows the viewer to interpret the paintings in their own way.



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### Key Vocabulary

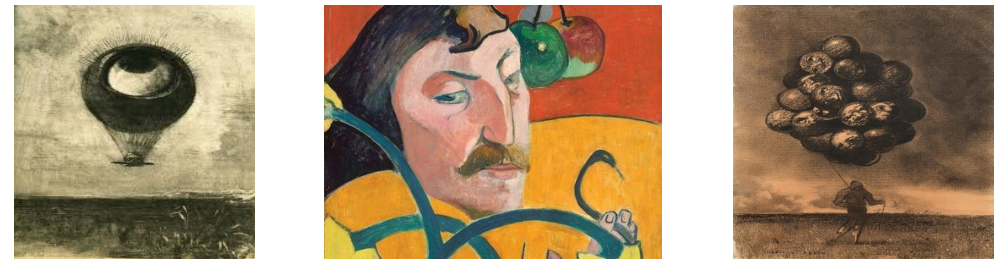
primary colours	Red, yellow and blue—Colours that cannot be mixed or created using others.
secondary colours	Orange - red and yellow; green - blue and yellow; purple - red and blue.
annotate	Comment on your likes, dislikes and improvements about your art piece.
sketch	A light pencil drawing done before adding colour.
form	Three dimensional shape, such as a cube.
noirs	Shades of black



### The Scream

The Scream is the most famous piece of artwork by Edvard Munch.

Many believe it is symbolising anxiety.



### Evard Munch

Edvard Munch (1863-1944) was a Norwegian painter, famous for his symbolic art, particularly relating to psychological themes. From a young age Munch suffered from ill health and had to cope with the death of his family.

These experiences influenced the themes of his artwork, love, suffering and death. The artwork creates strong emotions to the viewer and aims to take them on a 'journey'.

### Symbols

Symbolism art uses some common symbols to create effects to the audience. If you see the following symbols they mean:

Books = Knowledge and Power

Skulls = Death or Warning

Purple Silk = Royalty

Apples = Sins

A Child's toy = Freedom and Innocence

