Painting

Content

Inspiration – What do we need to know?

Wassily Kandinsky is one of Russia's most famous artists and one of the most famous abstract artists around the world. He came from a small town in Russia, but moved to New York City around the turn of the century. Most inspired by the overwhelming sounds of the city and also his own Synesthesia Kandinsky aspired to create paintings that were as abstract as the sounds you would hear in a symphony orchestra.

Curricular Competencies

Project – What are we going to do?

We will use watercolour paints to create a piece that is a response to our favourite songs. The piece can be an illustration of your favourite lines, but try to think more about the emotions you feel when listening. What colours correspond to those emotions? Are there gestures you could paint that would symbolize any mood or tone?

Steps – How are we going to do that?

1. Listen to your favourite song and write down or record your thoughts. Try to have 10 feelings, emotions, ideas, colours, or sensory responses to work with.
2. Figure out the strongest 3 feelings or ideas you get from the song.
3. On a piece of scrap paper, figure out what colours, lines or shapes symbolize those ideas.
4. On a piece of watercolour paper work from back to front – make the background a colour or that represents the strongest feeling you get from the song.
5. Let that dry then start to block out other shapes or lines in different colours. Lastly, do a layer of black lines and shapes over top for any specific feelings or lines of the song.

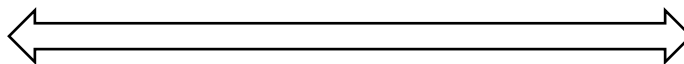**Assessment**

Complete – How do I know when I'm done?

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Reflection

You are going to create a… watercolour painting that depicts through abstraction your favourite song.

How'd you do?

Not great ⟵⟶ **NAILED it!**

What did you do well? _____

What could you do better? _____