



Learning Objective


- To understand how different elements of an artwork give meaning to the picture

Key Words


Portrait
Symbolise
Emotion
Meaning
Message

 Step 1 - Knowledge & Comprehension


Find the painting called 'Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird' by Frida Kahlo. Look at the different parts of the picture and think about what they might symbolise or mean. What is around her neck? What is it doing to her? What is the monkey doing? What is around her head? What could they represent? How does she feel?

 Step 2 - Application

Draw a copy of the painting in pencils and colour it in. Try to use pressure and blending with colouring pencils to achieve different levels of tone.

 Step 3 - Analysis

How does your copy of the Frida Kahlo painting compare to her version? Think about how different it would have been to paint the picture instead of using pencils? What would you have had to do to create different tones and colours if you had used paints?

 Step 4 - Synthesis

Draw a portrait of yourself in the style of Frida Kahlo. Try to show a mood or emotion and include things around you that mean something to you. For example: you could include pets and the background could be a place that is important to you.

 Extension Task - Evaluation

Explain what you did for this homework project. Talk about your research into Frida Kahlo's painting, the techniques and skills that you used and how well you think you did overall. What message, mood or emotion were you trying to show in your version and why?

