

# Top Ten Artists

## Grades Kindergarten through Three

Look up some of these artworks in your local library or the Internet. Select two to compare and contrast with each other. List what similarities and differences you can see between them. Look further to explore the stories they tell.

### **Pieter Brueghel the Elder (1525-1569) • *Children's Games*, 1560**

Pieter Brueghel was a Flemish painter and printmaker known for his landscapes and peasant (genre) scenes.

### **Thomas Cole (1801-1848) • *View on the Catskill, Early Autumn*, 1837**

Thomas Cole was an American artist and founder of the Hudson River School, an American art movement that flourished in the mid-19th century that was concerned with the realistic and detailed portrayal of nature.

### **Edward Hicks (1780-1849) • *Peaceable Kingdom*, 1834**

Edward Hicks was an American naïve painter and Quaker, most well known for his history painting and for painting over 60 versions of the story of *Isaiah* called *The Peaceable Kingdom*.

### **Fernand Léger (1881-1955) • *The City*, 1919**

Fernand Léger was a French painter, sculptor and filmmaker. His large paintings celebrated people and machines, featuring thickly contoured tubular forms painted in clear, flat colors.

### **Henri Matisse (1869-1954) • *The Dessert, Harmony in Red*, 1908**

Henri Matisse was a French draughtsman, printmaker, sculptor and painter noted for his use of color and his fluid, brilliant and original drawings of women, still life and views through windows.

### **Louise Nevelson (1899-1988) • *Rain Garden II*, 1977**

Louise Nevelson was a Ukrainian-born sculptor who lived in New York City, known for her work with found objects and her abstract “boxes” grouped together to form new creations.

### **Jackson Pollock (1912 – 1956) • *Number One, 1950 (Lavender Mist)***

Jackson Pollock was an influential American painter and a major force in the abstract expressionist movement.

### **Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841-1919) • *Girl with a Watering Can*, 1876**

Pierre-Auguste Renoir was a French artist who was a leading figure in the development of Impressionism.

### **Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606–1669) • *Self Portrait*, 1661**

Rembrandt is generally considered one of the greatest painters and printmakers in European art history and the most important in Dutch history.

