

Top Ten Artists

For preschool Students

Look up some of these artworks in your local library or the Internet. What stories do these artworks tell? Are they adventures? Or are they stories about people?

Ansel Adams (1902–1984) • *Autumn Moon, 1944 or 1948*

Ansel Adams was an American photographer, best known for his black and white photographs of California's Yosemite Valley.

Mary Cassatt (1844–1926) • *The Child's Bath, 1893*

Mary Cassatt was a Pittsburgh-born painter who lived in France, specializing in painting the social and private lives of women and children.

Leonardo daVinci (1452–1519) • *The Mona Lisa, 1503 - 1507*

Leonardo daVinci was an Italian "Renaissance Man:" architect, anatomist, sculptor, engineer, inventor, mathematician, musician, and painter. He is widely considered to be one of the greatest geniuses of all time.

Katsushika Hokusai (1760–1849) • *Beneath the Great Wave off Kanagawa, Thirty-six Views of Mt. Fuji, n.d.* Hokusai was an Edo period Japanese artist, painter, printmaker and considered one of the outstanding figures of the ukiyo-e, or "pictures of the floating world," school of printmaking.

Henry Moore (1898–1986) • *Family Group, 1950*

Henry Spencer Moore was a British artist and sculptor, well known for his large-scale abstract cast bronze and carved marble sculptures of the human figure.

Pablo Picasso (1881–1973) • *Girl Before a Mirror, 1932*

Pablo Picasso was a Spanish painter and sculptor, and one of the most recognized figures in 20th century art. Picasso produced thousands of works of art, including ceramics, sculptures, paintings and prints, in his lifetime.

Henri Rousseau (1844–1910) • *The Virgin Forest (Jungle Scene with Setting Sun), n.d.*

Henri Rousseau was a French Post-Impressionist painter in the Naive or Primitive manner. He came to be recognized as a self-taught genius whose works are of high artistic quality.

Vincent van Gogh (1853–1890) • *The Starry Night, 1889*

Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch draughtsman and painter well known for his expressive brushwork, his letters to his brother Theo, and his short-lived and tragic career as an artist.

Johannes Vermeer (1632-1675) • *Milkmaid, 1658-1660*

Johannes Vermeer was a Dutch painter who specialized in painting scenes of ordinary life with an emphasis on interiors and light. He is known today as the greatest painter of the Dutch Golden Age.

Andrew Wyeth b. 1917 • *Christina's World, 1948*

Andrew Wyeth was born in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, and is one of the best-known American realists of the 20th century.

