

Day of the Dead – Year 8 Learn Sheet

Facts about Day of the Dead:

- Day of the Dead originated in Mexico and Central America.
- It is a celebration of life not death and each celebration is filled with music and dancing.
- Each family would make an altar to honour their loved ones and provide them with what they need on their journey. This is called an Ofrenda.
- Flowers, butterflies and skulls are symbols used in all celebrations.

Jet Martinez (born 1973) is known for creating vibrant works of art that put a contemporary spin on Mexican folk art. Originally from Tuxpan, Veracruz, Mexico, Martinez takes inspiration from his native culture's rich traditions of pottery, weaving and embroidery. He works in both large-scale murals and smaller fine art paintings.

Rhythmic, floral patterns unify Martinez's various series of paintings from over the past 10 years. He predominantly works with acrylic paint and enamel on panel, rendering organic shapes that push the boundaries of form and colour. Much like the craftspeople who create the ceramics and textiles that inspire him, Martinez prioritizes technical skill and embraces the imperfections of the handmade. Martinez has exhibited in reputable galleries and art institutions nationwide. He has painted murals for companies like Facebook, Hilton and Redbull.



A **tint** is where an artist adds a colour to white to create a lighter version of the colour.

An example of a **tint** is pink. Pink is a **tint** created by adding white to red.



Shade is where an artist adds black to a colour to darken it down.

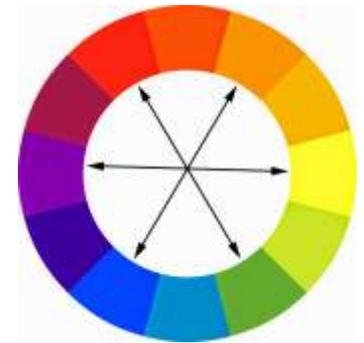


A **tone** is where an artist adds grey to a colour.



Complementary Colours

are two colours on the opposite side of the colour wheel. When you do this, the result is a high-contrast colour combination that's bright and that pops. For example, Red and Green.



Form refers to objects that are 3-Dimensional, or have length, width, and height.

