

Cubism – Year 9 Learn Sheet



Facts about Cubism

- Cubism was a revolutionary new approach to representing reality invented in around 1907–08 by artists Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque.
- They brought different views of objects or figures, together in the same picture, resulting in paintings that appear fragmented and abstracted.
- Cubism was a specific scientific approach involving a limited colour palette, forms reduced to geometric shapes, limited shading to flatten the surface and the presentation of subject matter from multiple simultaneous perspectives.

1. Analytical Cubism - The first stage of the Cubism movement was called Analytical Cubism. In this style, artists would study (or analyse) the subject and break it up into different blocks. They would look at the blocks from different angles. Then they would reconstruct the subject, painting the blocks from various viewpoints.
2. Synthetic Cubism - The second stage of Cubism introduced the idea of adding in other materials in a collage. Artists would use coloured paper, newspapers, and other materials to represent the different blocks of the subject. This stage also introduced brighter colours and a lighter mood to the art.



Georges Braque
1882–1963

Georges Braque was a major 20th-century French painter, collagist, draughtsman, printmaker and sculptor. He was at the forefront of the revolutionary art movement of Cubism. Braque's work throughout his life focused on still life and means of viewing objects from various perspectives through colour, line, and texture. While his collaboration with Pablo Picasso and their Cubist works are best known.

Pablo Picasso
1881 –1973



Pablo Picasso was born in Malaga, Spain. He was a painter, sculptor, printmaker and ceramicist who spent most of his adult life in France. Regarded as one of the most influential artists of the 20th century, he is known for co-founding the Cubist movement. Among his most famous works are works that show a dramatic portrayal of the bombing of Guernica by German and Italian air forces during the Spanish Civil War.