

Edvard Munch



Who is he?

Norwegian painter and printmaker, Edvard Munch is most famous for creating one of the world's most recognisable paintings: The Scream. He was also known for being greatly mentally disturbed, which was instrumental and perhaps even necessary in creating his most powerful works.

What does his art feature?

Many of Munch's works portray life and death scenes, love and terror and the feeling of loneliness was often a feeling which his art focussed on. These emotions were depicted by the contrasting lines, darker colours, blocks of colour, sombre tones and a concise and exaggerated form.

What is his style?

Most of the work that Edvard Munch created was in the style of symbolism. Symbolist painters believe that art should reflect an emotion or idea rather than represent the natural world and what the eye can see. Colour is used to convey emotion.



Assessment Questions

1. What is Edvard Munch most famous for ?
2. Which style of artwork was Munch best known for?
3. What did Munch try to depict through his artwork? How did he do this?
4. How could you make art that is in the same style as Munch's?
5. What do you think of Edvard Munch's art? Why?

