

Anthony Gormley



Who is he?

Anthony Gormley is an artist and sculptor who is fascinated by the human body. He is best known for creating the Angel of the North in Gateshead.

What do his designs feature?

His sculptures are made of many different materials such as wood, clay, metal and wire. His figures are arranged in lots of different positions and poses and are not always on the ground! One of his works called “Field for the British Isles” had 35,000 small figures made out of terracotta. Some of these were made by school children.



Some interesting facts are...

Anthony was the youngest of 7 children and was born in West Yorkshire. He nearly became a Buddhist monk while he was travelling in India. He frequently uses casts of his own body for his works. In 1994 he won the Turner Prize and an OBE for his works.



Assessment Questions

1. What does Anthony Gormley find fascinating?
2. What does he sometimes use casts of for his work?
3. What materials does Anthony Gormley use to create his works?
4. How could you make sculptures that are the same style as Anthony's?
5. What do you think of Anthony Gormley's Angel of the North? Why?

