

YEAR 7 Art Autumn Vocabulary

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Key Term	Meaning
Observation	What you see.
Composition	The way different elements of a piece are combined and organised.
Mood	A feeling.
Interpretation	The act of explaining, reframing, or otherwise showing your own understanding of something.
Analysis	Detailed examination of the elements or structure of something.
Formal Elements	The Formal Elements are the main building blocks that an artist uses when making a piece of Art. All artwork is made up of some, or all, of these elements.
Depth of field	The distance between the closest and farthest objects that appear in focus on an artwork.
Form	3D shape.
Highlights	The lightest spot or area in a painting or drawing.
Media	The plural of medium. A medium refers to the materials that are used to create a work of art.
Pattern	The repetition and ordered arrangement of a design.
Primary Colour	Any of a group of colours from which all other colours can be obtained by mixing. (yellow, blue, and red).
Secondary Colour	A colour made by mixing two primary colours.
Shade	Making a colour darker by adding black.
Shape	The external form, the contours, or the outline of a subject. 2D.
Geometric Shape	These shapes have perfect uniform measurements and do not often appear in nature. They are very precise shapes with a clearly defined edge e.g. squares, circles, or triangles.
Organic Shape	Shapes like things in the natural world like plants or animals. Shapes that are more random and irregular.
Optical Mixing	An art technique that creates the illusion of a third colour by placing two colours next to each other.
Space	The area within, around, and between objects or shapes in a composition.
Still life	Art that represents inanimate objects like fruit, cut flowers, utensils, and other everyday items.
Texture	The surface quality of a piece of work. (Tactile or visual)
Tone	Refers to how light or dark a colour appears.