

Year 7 Visual Art

Artist and Artwork Description

Text Type: Description

The purpose of a description is to inform the reader using factual text. The focus is to describe with accuracy, using particular facts about artists and their artworks.

Answer the following 11 questions. They DO NOT need to be answered in sentence form.

1. What is the name of the Artist?
2. What is the title (name) of the Artwork?
**Remember every time you write the title it must be either underlined or in inverted commas and in capital letters... for example, RED GOLD or "Red Gold".*
3. Where can you find this artwork?
4. Where was the Artist born?
5. When was the Artist born?
6. In what year did the Artist die?
7. How old was the Artist when they died?
8. What size is this artwork?
9. What is the shape of this artwork?

**For example, square, horizontal rectangle, vertical rectangle, oval (this is called the FORMAT).*

10. What is the work made from? (This is called the MEDIUM).
11. In which year was this artwork made?

Answer questions 12 to 15 in sentence form, read questions carefully.

12. Now use the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 to write a descriptive sentence.

*For example: *Hans Heysen painted RED GOLD which can be found in the Art Gallery of South Australia.*

13. Beginning with the artists name, write another sentence using the answers to questions 4, 5, 6 and 7.

*For example: *Hans Heysen was born in Germany in 1877 and died in 1968 at the age of 90.*

14. Start your third sentence with the name of the artwork. Use the answers from questions 8, 9, and 10 to complete the sentence.

*For example: *RED GOLD is oil painting on canvas in a horizontal rectangular format measuring 129.5 x 174.5 cm.*

15. Your fourth and final sentence must include the answer to question number 11

*For example: *it was painted in 1913.*

16. Proofread your answers to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15. After you have corrected any mistakes rewrite your sentences into a paragraph.

*See the exemplar below of an Artist and Artwork Description. You can use this as a guide for your own.

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