

Year 5 Knowledge Organiser - Mixed Media and Cityscapes

Vocabulary

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Landscape	Everything you can see when you look across an outdoor area of land, including natural features like hills and rivers, living things like plants, and human-made additions like buildings.
Cityscape	A cityscape is the urban equivalent of a landscape. It is a visual image, painting, photograph, or view of a city, focusing on its skyline, buildings, and overall architectural character.
Mixed media	Combining two or more different materials or mediums into a single visual artwork
Composition	The way in which an artist arranges shapes, colours, lines, and subjects inside a picture
Format	The physical size, shape, and layout of the paper, canvas, or screen an artist uses before they start drawing or painting.
Senses	Using our eyes, ears, nose, hands, and mouth to make or experience creative things.

Key Questions

How do artists respond to land and cityscapes?

How can we use our senses to capture spirit and energy in art?

What different landscapes can we capture and how do they differ?

Key Artist

Vanessa Gardiner
1960-Current



Key Facts

Vanessa Gardiner is a well-established painter who has been working as a professional artist for many years.

She was born in 1960 in Oxford where her father was a tutor of philosophy at Magdalen College.

She lives in Charmouth, Dorset, with the painter Alex Lowery. They have a daughter, Jessie.

Vanessa Gardiner's work is in private collections around the world and in public collections including Exeter Hospital, Bournemouth University and Dorset Museum.

Vanessa's work shows a meticulous attention to detail and an innovative use of materials. She often uses a range of mediums, including painting, drawing, and mixed media

Work Examples



Timeline of Artists

Vanessa Gardiner
1960-Present

Shoreditch Sketcher
1963

Kittie Jones
1985- Present