

Art Worksheet
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American Gothic was painted in 1930 by **Grant Wood**. It is currently at **The Art Institute of Chicago**. Wood was inspired to paint what is now known as the **American Gothic House in Eldon, Iowa**. The people in the painting are "the kind of people [he] **fancied should live in that house**". It depicts a farmer and **his daughter**. People often think she is **his wife**. The painting's name is a word play on the house's architectural style, **Carpenter Gothic**.



The Girl With a Pearl Earring was painted by **Johannes Vermeer** around **1665**. It depicts a European girl wearing a dress, a turban, and a **very large pearl** as an earring. The woman in the painting is **unknown**. She may have been a model, or **someone from the Bible**. There has been speculation that she is the artist's **eldest daughter**, Maria. Although **Art Historians** cannot agree if this is true.



The Great Wave off Kanagawa is a **woodblock print** by an artist called Hokusai. It was created in **1831** during the Edo period of **Japanese history**. The print depicts **three boats** moving through a **stormy sea**, with a large wave in the centre and **Mount Fuji** visible in the background. The print is Hokusai's **best-known work** and possible the most famous Japanese artwork.



The Persistence of Memory is a 1931 painting by artist **Salvador Dalí** and one of the most recognizable works of **Surrealism**. Since **1934** the painting has been in the collection of the **Museum of Modern Art** in **New York City**. It is widely recognized in popular culture and sometimes is referred to by more **descriptive titles**, such as "Melting Clocks", "The Soft Watches" or "**The Melting Watches**".