

INSPIRE!

Schools Art Exhibition &
Renfrewshire Schools Calendar Competition

2021

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perspective of the young artist.

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Category G
All ages

Drawing

‘Inspired by John Byrne’

This category is open to drawing in any medium and of any size, created by an individual Renfrewshire pupil of any age.

The purpose of this category is to highlight the importance of developing drawing skills in children as they go through the developmental stages of mark making and begin to represent their world through drawing.

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Drawing will help progress:

Successful learners:

Learn independently

Link and apply different kinds of learning in new situations

Effective contributors:

Communicate in different ways

Create and develop

This resource is for inspiration only. There is no obligation to use it.

It is important to us that you interpret the category in any way you choose to suit you and your pupils.

Enjoy and Good Luck!

Why draw?

Drawing helps us.....

.....build confidenceget smarter.....

..... *figure things out*.....

..... invent things..... **come up with ideas**....

.. see and notice more...

.....*explain things*.....

...give instructions..... Tell stories.....

.....*tell jokes*....

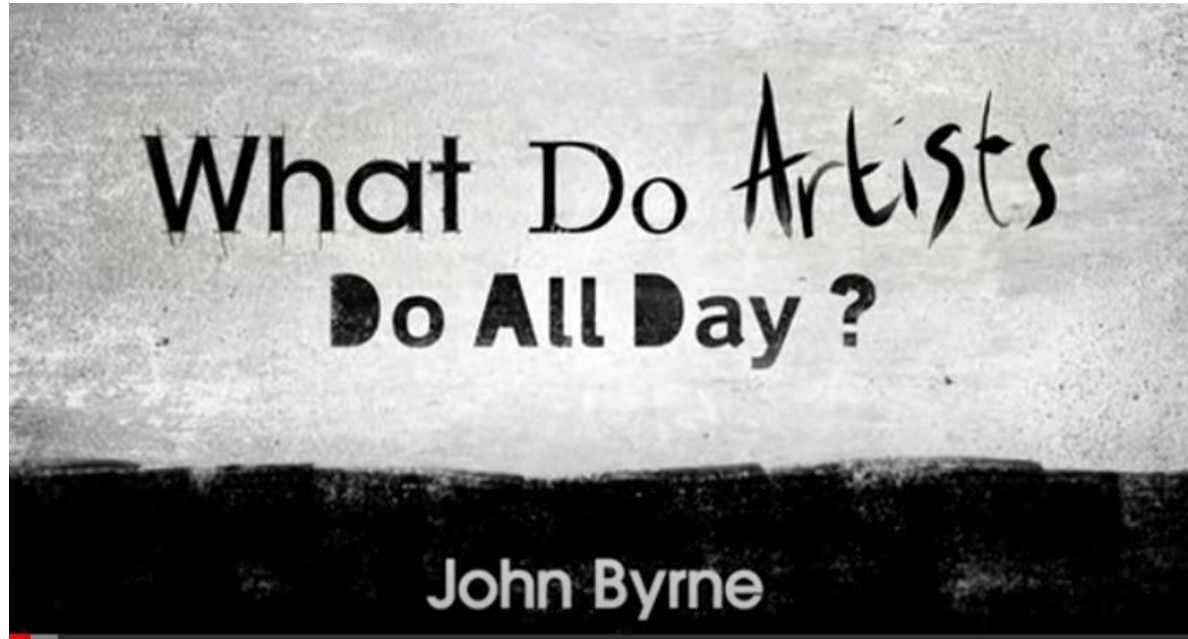
.....**make the world more beautiful**....

Get *Inspired* by John Byrne

Encourage
children and young people
to give **free rein**
to their
imagination and creativity
through *the joy of drawing*.



Who is John Byrne?



BBC FOUR

What do artists do all day?

This documentary offers a snapshot of the life of artist and writer John Byrne.

Watch to learn about John's early life and growing up, and see inside his studio and watch him start a painting.

[Please click this link to watch it on YouTube https://youtu.be/eUPKic-MN7A](https://youtu.be/eUPKic-MN7A)

Before you get started, here are
some tips from John Byrne to you!

John Byrne – Tip 1



[John Byrne - Tip 1 - YouTube](#)

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John Byrne – Tip 2



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John Byrne – Tip 3



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John Byrne – Tip 4



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5. **Resist drawing from photos.** Draw from real life and your memory.

Warm up games!

Sports people warm up before they do sports.

Singers warm up their voice before they sing.

Artists warm up too!

- Use the set of warm up games to warm up before you draw your final piece.
- The games are great to help develop your looking skills as well as your drawing skills.
- Build hand eye coordination.
- Build confidence.
- Develop drawing skills.
- Improve your final artwork.

They can help you relax and get better at drawing, as well as being lots of fun!!

The warm-up games

are designed to be used by a pupil at home if required.

However they can easily be used in the classroom too and led by the teacher.

The games are designed around drawing a still life. However they can easily be adapted for portrait drawing instead, as the same principles apply.

What will you draw?

- **For these games you must draw a real 3D object that is in front of you.**
- Just for fun - This could be your water bottle or pencil case, anything handy. You could even draw the person opposite you.
- If you are preparing for a final artwork – choose to play these practise games by drawing your final subject matter, perhaps is a still life or a portrait.
- **Remember this is just for fun to warm up, so relax and enjoy yourself!**

Even though at other times, like John said.....

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Your competition drawings

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- Your work will be submitted as a photograph so you are not limited to a size.
- Please be aware however that photographs of very large works will be viewed on a screen and detail may be lost for the viewer.
- We recommend for the online exhibition that your artwork is no larger than A1.
- You can use whatever you like to draw with. **As long as it is a drawing** (don't use paint!)
- If you use charcoal please spray it with fixative (or hairspray) to stop it smudging.
- We ask that the work is clearly a drawing as this is the basis on which the work will be judged.

Please feel free to interpret this category in any way you choose to suit your class. **Good Luck!**