

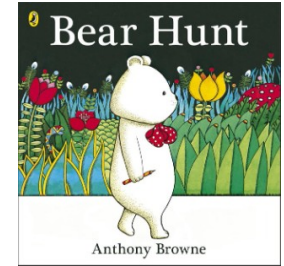
Year 1 Swans

Art Spring 1

Line

Bear Hunt by Anthony Browne

This is the story of a bear who uses his drawing pencils to escape from hunters. The bear uses different lines in order to draw different items, including curved lines, straight lines and zigzag lines.



Line Art

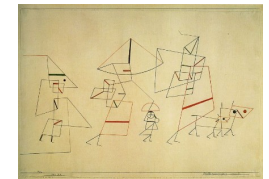
A line is a mark made on a surface that joins different points. Lines can vary in length, be thick or thin and can be different shapes and go in different directions. There are many types of line including thick, thin, horizontal, vertical, zigzag, diagonal, curvy, looped etc... and are often very expressive. Lines are basic tools for artists and some artists show their lines more than others. Using lines in drawings is known as Line Art.

In Line Art the lines can be done in any colour, although it is most common for the drawings to be black and white. Line Art can be simple or complex.



Paul Klee

Paul Klee was a Swiss artist born in 1879. Klee's paintings are made up of both simple and complex lines. As well as creating pictures showing people and families, Klee has also used line art to create a landscape. A landscape is a painting of a view of the countryside. To create these pictures Klee had to use his imagination. In his early Like Miro, Klee did not use many different colours in his work.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
curved	A line which has a round shape to it.
line	A continuous mark on a surface which can be long, short, thick, thin, straight or curved.
loop	A shape like a curve or circle made by a line curving right round.
straight	A line which is not a curve or at an angle.
thick	A line which has a larger distance between opposite sides.
thin	A line which has a smaller distance between opposite sides.
wavy	A line which has curves.
zig-zag	A line or a pattern which looks like a series of letter W's as it bends to the left and then to the right again.

Joan Miro

Joan Miro was a Spanish Catalan artist born in 1893. Miro uses line in his paintings and some of his later work was inspired by another artist called Paul Klee. Miro uses very few colours in his paintings, mostly using the primary colours, black and white. Miro makes the most of his lines with black, using a combination of thick and thin lines. His shapes are then dotted all over the picture, not just in one place.



End of Unit: Line

What type of art did Miro and Klee use in their work?

Point art

Line art

Landscapes

What are the different types of lines that were used in Miro and Klee's paintings?

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What colours did Miro use in his artwork?

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