

Year 8 Summer Term Art

Hi Year 8,

I hope you are all well and are managing to motivate yourselves ok learning from home! We have a new topic this term- **Contemporary Art- A study of international artists.**

During the term, we are going to look at lots of different artists creating art is a wide range of styles, from a wide range of backgrounds and ethnicities.

Lesson 1- To kick us off this week, I would like you to look at the work of **American landform artist, Charles Jencks**, who you will know best as the creator of “Northumberlandia.” He is interested in landscapes, architecture and the universe and these often inspire his huge landform installation art works.

I would like you to create a leaflet, poster or slide show to explain his work. The main three works I would like you to focus on, find images of and describe are:

- The Garden of Cosmic Speculation, Portrack House, Dumfries and Galloway. This was the artist’s own home and garden. It is open one day a year for the public to visit. What are your favourite art works there? Why do you think people enjoy visiting it so much? What makes this art?
- Northumberlandia- explain that it is built in collaboration with the Banks mining company and was a way of creating something beautiful for the community using the waste from the open cast coal mining site at Cramlington. The site is free to visit and open to the public. Why is this a good way to use this former site? What can you find out about how it was built- how big/how many tonnes of materials/who built it and how etc?
- Crawick Multiverse- this 55 acre site in Dumfries and Galloway is still a work in progress- it is again a former coal mining site and is being regenerated as a huge landform art work for the public to use and enjoy.

Explain how these art works enrich people’s lives.

Use these websites to help you:

<https://www.charlesjencks.com/the-garden-of-cosmic-speculation>

<https://www.northumberlandia.com/>

<https://www.crawickmultiverse.co.uk/>

Use these YouTube clips to help you- you can include video in your presentations if you would like to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1q6HGlfX1g>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=22&v=4TDUFzPsnyw&feature=emb_title

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WldwVFOuSKw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbUIhWTjAxc>

Have fun researching- I look forward to seeing how you’ve got on! Miss Hall x