

Year 8 Art Lesson 2 Summer Term– Lubaina Himid

Lubaina is a black British artist, an art professor and a teacher. She describes herself as an art activist. This means she tries to get across a message of protest through her work. She won the Turner Prize in 2017 for her contribution to the arts and for her art activism. In her work she often focuses on black culture , identity and themes of racism and oppression.

Watch these two videos.

They show the different types of art she makes and the materials she uses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d51ckPJlrU>

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

Have a go at creating a piece of art inspired by her works.

For example:

- Paint a portrait or picture onto an object at home you may no longer want or use e.g. an old toy, an old plate or mug. Give it a new purpose and story of its own.
- Make, draw, paint and collage a cardboard cut-out figure similar to her “A Fashionable Marriage.” It could be a cardboard portrait of yourself or someone you know. Perhaps you could make a politician– she created Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan. You could create your own Boris Johnson or Donald Trump!
- Take a page from a newspaper and paint a picture on it as she did in her “Guardian Series.”

- Create a banner or picture inspired by her “Our Kisses are Petals” exhibition at the BALTIC in Gateshead. In this exhibition she painted large banners illustrating a message. Could you illustrate one of these?

Every cloud has a silver lining

Live and learn

A blessing in disguise

Bite the bullet

Better late than never

The best of both worlds

Actions speak louder than words

A storm in a teacup

The pen is mightier than the sword

Under the weather

We'll cross that bridge when we come to it

It's always darkest before dawn

He who laughs last laughs loudest

Feel free to choose a message of your own or a lyric from a song you like. Try to include a border, a large central image and the message that you are illustrating. You can paint it onto paper, an old piece of fabric to make a flag or a newspaper page— whatever you like!

Enjoy being creative!

Miss Hall