

Art Awareness Presentation Worksheet

Artist and Print:

Norman Rockwell/Surprise

Learning Objectives:

After the presentation, the children will be able to;

1. Tell who Norman Rockwell was and what kind of art he created
(He was an American realist painter)
2. Explain why Mr. Rockwell's art was important
(It showed what life was really like during that time in American history)
3. Identify Norman Rockwell's art when compared to the art of other works from different artists
(for example, Picasso, Pollack, Warhol)

Artist's date of birth and country of birth (explain what things were like then and show where and how far place of birth is)

Norman Rockwell was born in 1894 in New York City. He lived through and painted pictures from an amazing time in history – through the industrial revolution, two world wars, the great depression, the baby boom, the civil rights movement, and more than a dozen presidents. When he was born, there were no airplanes, no cars, and women couldn't vote. He made 25 cents a day for delivering mail on his bike as a teenager, and his first cover of the Saturday Evening Post earned him \$75. Four years ago, one of his paintings sold for over \$15 MILLION!

How he decided to become a painter:

"I think I always wanted to be an artist. I certainly can't remember ever wanting to be anything else."

– Norman Rockwell

2-3 Interesting Facts

1. Norman Rockwell's favorite color was red, followed by yellow and green.
2. Rockwell painted for the Saturday Evening Post for 47 years.
3. His middle name was Perceval.
4. Rockwell searched out real objects and models to use for his paintings because he felt only real items could add authentic character. His models were friends and neighbors, his dogs were from the dog pound, even the clothes were actually worn. Once he stopped a farmer out in his field and traded his own pants plus \$4 for the farmer's dirty overalls!

What style of art did this artist work in?

Realism

How did he ultimately influence the world of art?

By painting real people in real situations, Rockwell created an everlasting record of what life was like in the early half of the 20th century.