

Art

Sargent used oil, watercolour, pencil and charcoal during his career. Sargent's teacher taught him stop making careful drawings. Instead he would paint directly on the canvas with a loaded brush. This method requires the artist to use proper placement of tone (the lightness or darkness of something – this could be a shade, or how dark or light a colour appears) in their work.

Compare Sargent's work with a more modern portrait artist such as Tai-Shan Schierenberg

<http://www.schierenbergportraits.com/>

What similarities or differences can you see? Which style do you prefer?

Whose portrait will you choose to draw or paint?

<https://www.johnsingersargent.org/>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/how-to-draw-a-portrait/zk28ap3>

English

John Singer Sargent painted the author of Treasure Island Robert Louis Stevenson.

Look at the copy of the story for you to read over the week. Once you have read chapter one have a go at these questions. You can also watch and listen to the story via the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks2-treasure-island-home/zk2anrd>

Can you act out the conversation between the Captain (Bill) and Black Dog with someone in your house. Think about the way the characters would have said each line. Look at which words they have used instead of said to give you a clue. How could you show how the characters were feeling through actions?

Can you make a prediction about who Black Dog is? How does the Captain know him? Why has he come to see the Captain?

Can you make a fact file about John Singer Sargent? You need to think about what information you want to include. Remember to use subheadings for the different sections of your fact file. When researching him make sure you read the information and only pick out the information you need.

History

Sargent often painted the portraits of the wealthiest people in late Victorian and Edwardian society, including presidents of the United States. Some even travelled too England from the USA at their own expense to be painted by Sargent.

Look at many of his portraits. What can you see? Life in Victorian and Edwardian times was not so easy for many people. Can you discover more about what life was like for ordinary people during this time?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcixhyc>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8mpfg8>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-the-victorians/z48bnrd>

Sargent also shows the horror of war in his work called *Gassed*. *Gassed* is a very large oil painting completed in March 1919 by John Singer Sargent. It depicts the aftermath of a mustard gas attack during the First World War, with a line of wounded soldiers walking towards a dressing station.

Learn more about World War One from this A-Z and BBC bitesize.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1--ks2-ww1-a-to-z/zmcdpg8>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdnyb9d>

Computing

Using child friendly search engines such as kidrex to discover more about John Singer Sargent. Where did he travel? Who did he paint?

Maybe you could use your word processing skills to create a fact file of John Singer Sargent or one of the countries he visited?

Can you find the paintings he made of Robert Louis Stevenson and his wife?

For your work in history, please search and study Sargent's oil painting depicting World War One called *Gassed*.

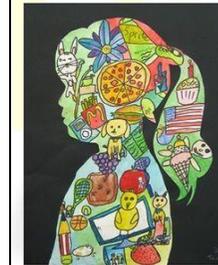
Hold Still Project – June 2020

**HOLD
STILL**



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Use this silhouette to think about the things that have been important to you during this period. Think about what you have missed and what you are looking forward to in the future. Self-portraits can teach you how diverse our society's views, values and appearances are, and hopefully develop values of respect and tolerance.



Geography

Sargent was born in Florence, the only son of an American surgeon, FitzWilliam Sargent. His childhood was spent touring Europe, mainly in Italy, France, Switzerland and Germany. He trained in Paris from 1874, where he stayed as student and assistant until 1878. He visited America in 1876, and the following year exhibited his first portrait at the Paris Salon. He travelled to Spain and Morocco in 1879-80, and to Haarlem in 1880, where he copied works by Velasquez and Frans Hals. He lived in Paris until 1884, then settled in London in 1885

Using maps or atlases can you plot Sargent's travels across Europe and America?

From your research, can you locate some of the cities Sargent visited?

What are the capital cities of the countries he visited?

Can you locate any mountain ranges within these countries?

Which seas or oceans surround these countries or are they land locked?



Information about John Singer Sargent

John Singer Sargent (January 12, 1856 – April 14, 1925) was an American artist, considered the "leading portrait painter of his generation" During his career; he created roughly 900 oil paintings and more than 2,000 watercolours, as well as countless sketches and charcoal drawings. His works documents worldwide travel, from Venice to the Tyrol, Corfu, the Middle East, Montana, Maine, and Florida.

His parents were American, but he was trained in Paris prior to moving to London