

LESSON PLAN 70: PSYKOPAINT

Objective: Reproduce digital photos in the style of an 'Old Master'

Age range: 10-16



WHAT IS PSYKOPAINT?

This is an online painting application that you can use to turn a digital photo into a painting in the style of an 'Old Master' (or you can just use it to create your own picture). It's similar to tools like FotoSketcher and beFunky ... but much cooler.

YOU WILL NEED

Computer and internet access, digital photos.

DEVELOPING SKILLS

Art, art history, photography, design, presentation.

METHOD

1. There are two angles to explore here. Firstly, the styles of the Old Masters. Identify the ways they painted and the differences between them. Secondly, outline the concept of manipulating digital photos and using filters to alter the image.
2. Introduce PsykoPaint and explain how it can be used to 'convert' digital photos into paintings.

LEARN HOW TO USE THE TOOL

Created by the makers of PsykoPaint, there are a series of videos on a YouTube channel that show how to use the basic functions.

[youtube.com/user/psykopaint](https://www.youtube.com/user/psykopaint)



3. Choose the digital photo you'd like to use.
4. Decide on the Old Master you'd like to reproduce. The program can copy the style of 12 different ones, including Monet, Van Gogh, Munch, and Renoir.
5. Go to psykopaint.com



6. Select 'Getting Started'. If you have your own photo to use simply click 'Paint a Photo'. Alternatively, there are some samples to choose from ('Try a Sample') or you can create from scratch with 'Good Old Painting'.
7. Select and upload your image, and set the dimensions.



8. Now to start your painting. The tools available come under the categories of brushes, colours, layers, and options (undo, record, tips, shortcuts, etc.). Give them and go and see what you can produce.
9. Under 'File', you can save your masterpiece as a jpeg (600 x 600 pixels). However, to save your image for later use, or have access to many of the program's features, you'll need to create an account.

EXAMPLES OF STYLES AND HOW THEY CAN CHANGE AN IMAGE



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If you try PsykoPaint, let us know how you go and send us what you create, so we can share them with other readers.

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