



Still Life with Basket, 1888-90 by Paul Cezanne.

Oil painting. Musee d'Orsay ,Paris.

Some facts about **Paul Cezanne** 1839-1906

- He was a French painter, born in Aix-en-Provence in 1839.
- From the age of 22 years old he devoted himself to painting.
- When Cézanne first began painting, his artwork was noticeably dark and serious. After a friend encouraged him to paint outside, he began to paint with short brush strokes and brighter colors.

- He tried to recreate very realistic paintings and often his paintings were painted with a palette knife in greys, browns and earth colours.
- From 1872 colour and tone dominated his work and he gave expression to volume and light.
- He produced more than 900 oil paintings and 400 watercolours, over 200 of them being still life paintings.
- Cézanne is known for his still life paintings—mostly of household objects arranged with various fruits. Cézanne would spend hours arranging the fruit and his moving his easel around to get just the right perspective.
- He was intensely interested in painting shapes: cylinders, spheres, cones and cubes. Cézanne's work is mainly post-impressionist. He continued using the real-life subject matter, with vivid colours, often with thick paint. However, the post impressionist painters added other ideas such as geometric forms, to distorting form for effect, and using unnatural colours .
- Other main post-impressionist painters were Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh and Georges Seurat.

Look and Respond

1. What can you see in this painting?
2. What colours can you see in this painting?
3. Where do you think this picture was painted?
4. Why do you think this picture is called a still life?
5. Do you see any patterns in this painting?
6. Observe the different textures the artist used on the fruit, the porcelain items, the cloths and basket.
7. Do you like this painting? Why/why not?
8. If you were to give a title to this painting what would it be?
9. What other ways could the artist have made this painting?

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Create

- Create your own version of a still life with items found in your kitchen. Choose colouring pencils, Twistables, oil pastels, chalk pastels , paint or markers .
- Draw or paint some pieces of fruit i.e apple, orange, strawberry.
- Cut a piece of fruit in half and carefully look and draw the inside patterns of the fruit.

Here are some more ideas for you to try out at home.



Cezanne theme fruit paper craft



Oil pastel fruit



Cut paper still life



Mixed media artwork (using watercolour/ sheet music/silver glitter)



Colour in your own version of Cezanne's Still Life with Basket