

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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What makes art valuable?



Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
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This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below about Klimt's painting and discuss why you think it sold for as much as it did.

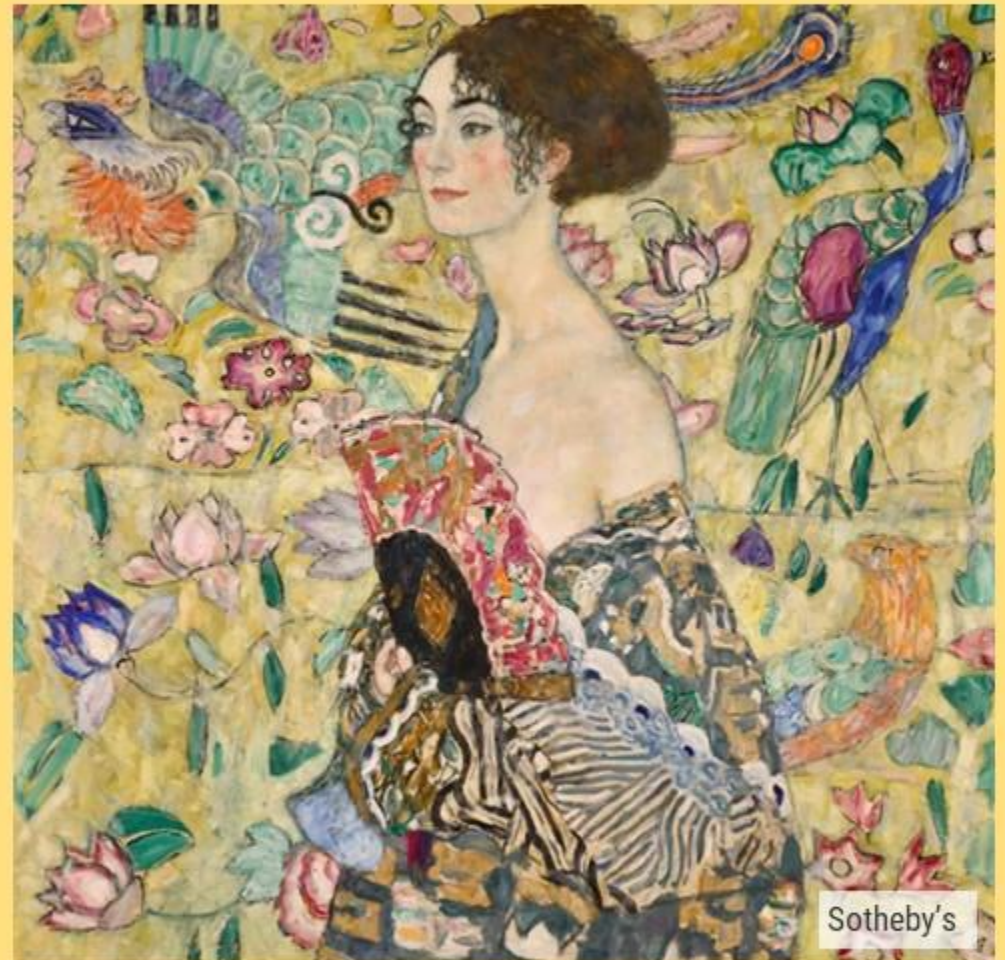
A description of Lady with a Fan

With 'interweaving patterns and mingled rhythms, *Lady with a Fan* captures a young woman lost in thought as she stands before us', holding a fan and staring into the distance. 'Her identity remains unknown... She hasn't noticed our intrusion into the... space that she inhabits.' Grovier also notes 'a mystical phoenix (or Fènghuáng, a symbol of grace and virtue in Chinese mythology) with fabulous emerald fangled feathers.' While, opposite, 'boasting... feathers of... ultramarine, stands a long-legged crane, an emblem of wisdom..., while all around the unreal air explodes with bright bursts of pink lotus flowers, signifying... beauty'.

- Kelly Grovier for BBC Culture

[*Lady with a Fan*] is the last portrait Gustav Klimt created... [It] is something completely different - a technical tour de force, full of experimentation, as well as a heartfelt ode to absolute beauty.

Helena Newman, chair of Sotheby's Europe (the company who auctioned the painting).



Lady with a Fan by Gustav Klimt

Gustav Klimt's final piece of artwork is the most expensive painting auctioned in Europe, selling for £85.3m.



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about Gustav Klimt.

Gustav Klimt was born in 1862 and died in 1918. He was an Austrian painter and illustrator and was one of the founders of the Vienna Secession in 1897. This was a group of painters, sculptors and architects who wanted to create change and become modern. They used expressive, natural and flowing lines and shapes that were more decorative than realistic in their works.

Klimt had a 'golden phase' when he used actual gold in his paintings. One of his most famous works is called 'The Tree of Life'.



Some of symbolist painter, Gustav Klimt's work. His works were mainly paintings, murals and sketches.



Do you like Gustav Klimt's art?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about three famous artists, who have produced some valuable artwork?



The Mona Lisa is a portrait by Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519). It hangs behind bulletproof glass in Louvre Museum, Paris, France. The Mona Lisa holds a Guinness World Record for the highest known insurance valuation for a painting. The valuation was £53.55m in 1962.



Source: @artistokeeffe
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American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) is famous for creating paintings of flowers, skulls and mountains. In 2014, one of O'Keeffe's floral paintings sold for £28.8m at auction, setting a record for an artwork by a female artist.



Source: Andrew Milligan sumo



Source: libby rososf

Kerry James Marshall (1955-present) is an African American artist and professor. In 2018, his 1997 acrylic and collage on canvas titled 'Past Times' sold for a \$21.1m.

For each artist, discuss where in the world they have links, when they may have painted their works and why they may be so valuable.



What makes art valuable?

Reflection



Artwork comes in many different forms and represents different things to each of us. It can bring great enjoyment and meaning. The value of art can be so much more than just the price that's paid!





Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Artwork can mean different things to different people. We can show respect to others and the things they value, even if these are different from our own.

Protected Characteristics



Our religion and/or beliefs affect our life choices or the way we live our life. Some artworks have meaning because they represent beliefs. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



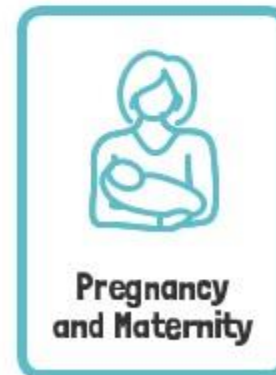
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Gender Reassignment



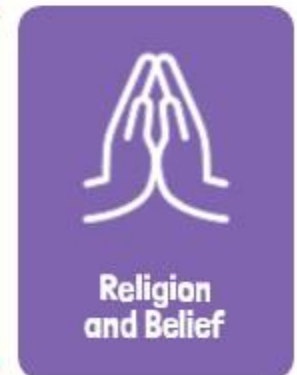
Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion and Belief



UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to take part in cultural and creative activities. Enjoying artworks by others or creating our own can help us do this.



Useful vocabulary



Auctioned

Sold something at an auction. An auction is a public sale, where something is sold to the person offering the highest price.

Austrian artist Gustav Klimt's final portrait has become the most expensive artwork ever **auctioned** in Europe.

Bidders

The people or organisations, who offer to pay a particular amount of money for something.

It was sold to an art collector from Hong Kong, with three other **bidders** hoping to buy the piece.

Easel

A wooden frame for holding an artist's work while it is being painted or drawn.

When Klimt died in 1918, the portrait of the unnamed woman was still on an **easel** in his studio.

Heartfelt

To feel something strongly or sincerely.

'A technical tour de force, full of experimentation, as well as a **heartfelt** ode to absolute beauty.'

Ode

Something that shows respect for or celebrates the worth or influence of another.

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Portrait

A painting, drawing, or photograph of a person.

Austrian artist Gustav Klimt's final **portrait** has become the most expensive artwork ever auctioned in Europe.

Can you use them in your writing this week?

Buck Supermoon



Pictured: The full moon rising - just after sunset - as seen from Grandview Point at the Grand Canyon, USA **Source:** Grand Canyon National Park Facebook page

An amazing supermoon has appeared in our skies for three days. A supermoon is when the Moon appears to be much larger than usual because it is closer to our planet. This happens as the Moon's orbit is not a perfect circle due to the Earth's gravitational pull, it is an oval shape. The Moon is less than 365,000 kilometres from Earth, which is around 22,000km closer than normal. The first full moon after Summer Solstice (the longest day, 21st

June) is often called the Buck Moon due to the fact that at the beginning of summer, buck deer begin to grow their new antlers; they begin to emerge from the top of their heads covered in a soft, velvety fur. Many people from all over the world have been posting beautiful, dazzling photos of the Moon as they see it where they live.

Is this something you would like to take photographs of?

Top Team Player

Belgium's record holding shot put and hammer throw champion, Jolien Boumkwo, displayed great team spirit at the European Athletics Team Championships in Poland when she stepped up to run the 100-metre hurdles and save her team from getting disqualified. Jolien stepped out of her comfort zone and ran the 100-metre hurdles after her teammate was injured. Even though she finished last, she cleared every single hurdle, earning a very important point for her team! 'I thought I would take one for the team. I didn't think

about it, I just went for it,' said Boumkwo, 'It was really heartwarming all the support, the crowd was screaming and I cannot believe how many people are so kind. When I was younger I used to do some heptathlons, it was 10 years ago when I last did hurdles. But now in my training I do hurdles, for mobility and to be flexible. It is not a new movement, but to do it here [at a major championships] is a whole new world, but I really enjoyed every second of it.'

Do you think it is important to be a team player?



Pictured: Jolien Boumkwo taking part in one of her specialised sports **Source:** Jolien Boumkwo facebook page

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Swift Bricks

10,000 bricks with built-in bird houses have been installed into UK homes to create nest holes for swifts. Swift bricks are normal building bricks with a hollow inside. The small migratory birds have suffered due to renovations of old buildings, which have sealed up the small holes that they would use to nest in. The nesting bricks can also be used by other small birds and it is hoped that they will help to increase declining bird populations. 'The great advantage of swift bricks and boxes is that they can work just as well in inner city areas with very little green space as anywhere else,' notes Dr. Guy Anderson,



Pictured: Swift Source: Canva



Pictured: A Manthorpe Swift Brick
Source: Manthorpe BP Twitter page

the RSPB's migratory birds program manager. He adds that, 'Swifts can travel pretty long distances to find their insect food – all they need is a nest site.' Swifts are amazing flyers that spend 10 months of the year in the air. They have an impressive top speed of 69mph. They can do most things whilst still flying. They drink by skimming water as they fly over rivers and lakes with their mouths open. They eat by catching flying insects and airborne spiders. Astoundingly, they can also fly whilst closing one eye and turning off one half of their brain. They fly all the way to Africa before returning to the UK to nest.

Do you think all homes should have swift bricks?

Last week's topic:

Should everyone learn the Countryside Code?

I think that we should learn all about the countryside, like we learn about road safety. It's just as important.

Evie



I think that everyone should be respectful of all outdoor spaces - I love exploring the countryside and visiting parks, but I like it when they're clean. My family and I take our litter home and smile at people we see and I think everyone should do the same.

Cassie

I think you should be aware of how to behave in the countryside but I don't think the Countryside Code is something you would need to memorise.

Freddy

I want to enjoy my park but there are no bins, so there's lots of rubbish!

Sam

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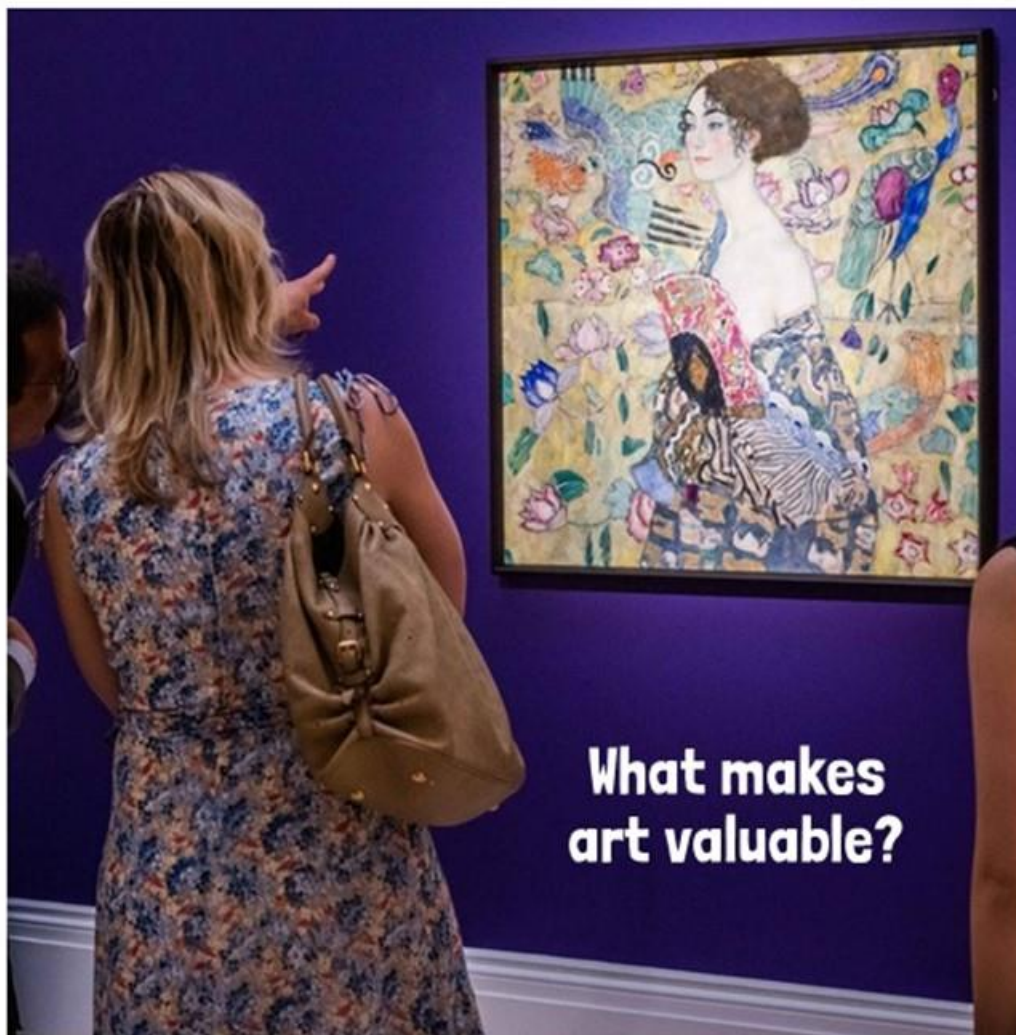
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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you enjoy looking at or making art?
- > Is there any artwork displayed around your home or in your room?
- > Talk with people at home about why they feel some people choose to spend so much on pieces of art.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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