

Chiaroscuro

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The word chiaroscuro is Italian for light and shadow. It was a technique introduced during the Renaissance period, referring to the use of light and shadow to create the illusion of a source of light shining on the figures and objects.

Have fun exploring AccessArt resources focused around chiaroscuro.

Dip your toes into chiaroscuro

Explore this Talking Points to help you find out more about chiaroscuro.

Talking Points: What is chiaroscuro?



Chiaroscuro is used because it draws the eye toward the focus point which the artist intends in a very natural way.

Find key concepts below to help you explore chiaroscuro:

- Light
- Dark
- Tonal value
- Form

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See how artists use chiaroscuro to bring focus to elements in their work.

Paul Klee



Shaun Tan



dutch and flemish still life



Explore resources using chiaroscuro

Explore these sample resources to help you explore chiaroscuro.

Pastel and Rubber Chiaroscuro Drawings



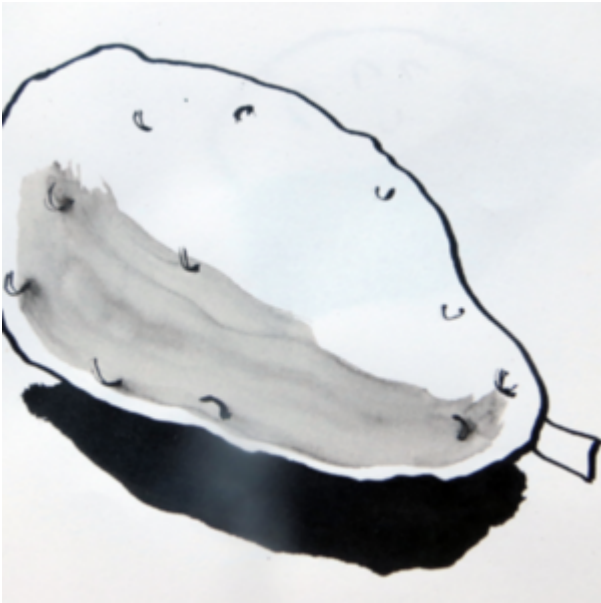
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