

Year 6 - art knowledge organiser - LS Lowry

Laurence Stephen Lowry

- Laurence Stephen Lowry was born 1st November 1887.
- Lowry was never a full-time artist: in his early twenties he took a job as a rent collector.
- He became well known for his matchstick men and the landscapes in the area where he lived.
- He painted ordinary things - people going to work or to the football, a busy market and the factories in his area.
- Lowry didn't only paint in the north of England; he also recorded landscapes in and around London.
- He was a massive Manchester City football fan.

During the Second World War Lowry worked as a fire-watcher in Manchester, usually stationed on the roof of a city centre department store. He recalled being 'first down in the morning to sketch the blitzed buildings before the smoke and grime had cleared.'

industrial	designed or suitable for use in industry
urban	in or characteristic of a town or city
landscape	all of the visible features of an area of land
architecture	the art or practice of designing and constructing buildings

Key Vocabulary

perspective	drawing solid objects giving the right impression of their height, depth, width etc.
shadow	a dark real image where light has been blocked
scale	the physical size of an object, scaling up or down
composition	the nature of what something is made up of - 'putting together'
charcoal	a type of art medium - a dry carbon
geometric	the make of an image using lines, shapes and angles
observation	watching something carefully
tones	the light and darkness of an image

