

Activity Idea

FOR ADULTS

Odilon Redon: Artist

Odilon Redon (1840-1916). *Wildflowers*, 1905. Pastel on brown paper, 24 in. x 19 in. The greatest of the French Symbolists, Odilon Redon worked almost exclusively in charcoal until his fifties. During the 1890s, he took up painting in pastels and color. After a religious crisis in the early 1890s and a serious illness in 1894-95, the previously unhappy Redon was transformed into a more cheerful personality and expressed himself using radiant colors in mythological scenes and flower paintings. His flower pieces in particular were very much admired by Matisse, and the Surrealists regarded Redon as one of their precursors.

(Art Masterpieces to Color: 60 great paintings from Botticelli to Picasso, Noble - Dover Publications – 2004)

Resources:

Odilon Redon

Wildflowers

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/art-object-page.46299.html>

Kanopy

<https://lacounty.kanopy.com/video/how-paint>

<https://lacounty.kanopy.com/video/color-how-artists-use-color>

<https://lacounty.kanopy.com/video/postimpressionism-form-and-content-re-viewed>

Book on Van Gogh, another post-impressionist

<https://lacountylibrary.overdrive.com/media/658666>

Explore the Met

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-metropolitan-museum-of-art>

National Gallery – See the painting online

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/highlights.html>

Increase your art skills by taking a free painting or drawing class through Lynda.com

<https://www.lynda.com/portal/sip?org=lacountylibrary.org>

Try creating your own artistic masterpiece in the style of Odilon Redon.

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