

U3a History of Art 2025-26 Programme

Theme: Uprisings, Revolutions, Rebellious and Reactionary artists 1750 to 1914

Enlightenment (1750-1800)

Month 1, March 18 - Introduction to the British artistic experience of the Enlightenment

Session 1: Wright of Derby (1734-1797)

Session 2: Mary Delaney (1700-1788)

Month 2, April 15: A British Enlightened rebel.

Full session: William Hogarth (1697-1764)

Month 3, May 20: Enlightenment and the French Revolution

Introduction to the French experience.

Session 1: Jacques-Louis David (1748-1825)

Session 2: Marie-Guillemine Benoist (1768-1826)

Romanticism (1800-1850)

Month 4, June 17:

An Introduction to Romanticism.

Session 1: Caspar David Friedrich (1774-1840).

Session 2: Eugene Delacroix (1798-1863)

Month 5, July 15:

Introduction to Blake's Romantic and visionary concept of religion.

Session 1: William Blake (1757-1827)

Session 2: Francisco Goya (1746-1828)

Impressionists (1850-1900)

Month 6, August 19:

Introduction to the Impressionists and their artistic rebellion.

Session 1: Joseph Mallord William Turner (1775-1851)

Session 2: Berthe Morisot (1841-1895)

Month 7, September 16:

Session 1: Claude Monet (1840-1926).

Session 2: Mary Cassatt (1844-1926).

Arts and Crafts (1880-1910): Rebellion against Industrialisation

Month 8, October 21:

Introduction to the Movement

Full Session: William Morris and his associates

Primitivism: Artistic reactionaries:

Month 9, November 18

Introduction to the Reactionary artistic developments

Session 1: Paul Gauguin (1848-1903).

Session 2: Amadeo Modigliani (1884-1920).

Month 10, December 16:

An open session to reflect and to share thoughts and artworks relevant to this year's theme, and to share Christmas nibbles!!

German Expressionists (1900-1914): Social and Artistic Reactionaries.

Month 11, 20 January 2026:

Introduction to the Movement.

Session 1: Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944)

Session 2: Gabriele Muntter (1877-1962).

Month 12, 17 February 2026:

Session 1: Franz Marc (1880-1916).

Session 2: Kathe Kollwitz (1867-1945).