



Dunrobert Castle, 1984, John Piper

# NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

## Learning Resource



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This resource supports classroom and home learning for primary school learners. The six themes cover different curricular areas: Art of Empowerment, Science of Colour, Wellbeing, Victorians, Manufacturing and Engineering and Natural Environment.

The **natural environment** has always been an inspiration to artists. The following artworks and activities will help you explore this.



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This artwork by John Piper is of *Dunnottar Castle*. The artist has used watercolour, ink and crayon on paper. Strong colours are used, and the swirling brush strokes suggest the movement of wind and sea. There is a storm brewing and the painting is alive with that energy.

You can find this impressive rock on which the ruins of Dunnottar castle stands, just outside Stonehaven.

Looking at this painting you can imagine the sounds of the waves breaking on the rocks and the inevitable squawking of the seagulls.



### Activity

We do not always listen to the everyday sounds going on around us. Going on a sound hunt is a great outdoor activity [Click here](#) to get more information:



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Barbara Hepworth is considered among the greatest sculptors of the twentieth century. Aberdeen Art Gallery is very lucky to have three of her artworks in the collection.

This piece is called *Meditation* and is made of Irish green marble. It looks very natural as if it had been found while out on a walk in the woods or at a beach. In the centre the artist has carved a perfect circle.



### Activity

Very few of us have the tools to carve shapes into stones but something we can all do is make shapes and patterns with stones. [Click here](#) to see some examples.



### Learn

Barbara Hepworth was inspired by nature and her sculptures reflect the connection she believed we all have to our environment. She described it as, "I the sculptor am the landscape."

Find out more about Barbara Hepworth and the work she created by watching this short video. [Click Here](#)



*Meditation*, 1972, Barbara Hepworth