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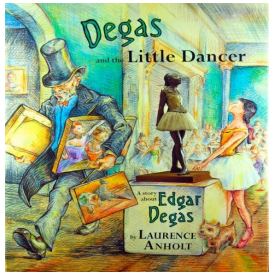
Topic: Edgar Degas	Key Stage 1 Year 2	Strand: Historical Significant Individuals

What should I already know?

- Van Gogh was a famous artist born in 1853 and died in 1890.
- Van Gogh's paintings are famous now and expensive.
- Van Gogh used paint to produce artwork.
- WWI started in 1914.

What I will know by the end of the unit

- Edgar Degas was a significant artist from the past.
- He was born in 1834 in France—before VG
- His parents were wealthy.
- He became wealthy because he sold his art-work while he was alive.
- He was often bossy and unkind.
- He enjoyed creating pictures of ballerinas and racehorses.
- He initially used pastel, chalk and charcoal.
- He started to lose his eye sight as he got older so started creating sculptures.
- He later made a sculpture of Marie (1880)—The little Dancer that is still in the gallery now.
- Degas died in 1917, aged 83—before WWI ended and after VG died.
- VG and Degas were alive in the same era.
- VG and Degas produced different styles of art.
- Both artists were alive before WWI.
- Degas is a famous artist and people from all around the world know of him and go to see his artwork.



Degas and the Little Dancer book.



Edgas Degas



Pastel drawing of ballerina

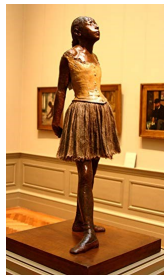


Image of the sculpture 'The Little Dancer'

1834	1853	1890	1914	1917	1939
Degas born	Van Gogh born	Van Gogh died	WWI started	Degas died	WW2 started

(Timeline)

Vocabulary

Artist	A person that produces art for a living.
Ballerina	A person who ballet dances.
Chalk	A soft, powdery white art material.
Charcoal	A black crumbly drawing material.
Landscape	A horizontal position.
Pastel	Colourful sticks of pigment.
Portrait	A vertical position.
Racehorses	Horses that race.
Sculpture	A 3D artwork
Shade/shading	How dark a colour is./ How something is made darker
Sketch	Pencil drawings.
Tint	How light a colour is./How something is made lighter
Wealthy	Someone who has lots of money

Key Skills

- Use language of chronology (before, after, the now) to order events. (WWI, when VG was born/died and when Degas was born/died)
- Ask and answer questions
- Use computers, books and powerpoints to find out.
- Talk about the lives of Significant Individuals.
- Use stories to understand key features of Edgar Degas life.