Remembrance Day Creativity

Lesson 3 Silhouette Art

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What Is a Silhouette?

A silhouette is the dark shape and outline of someone or something visible in restricted light against a brighter background, like this:

The Power of the Silhouette

Silhouettes can be very powerful. Detail cannot be seen but the darkness is very stark compared to the plain or colourful background.

Often war pictures are shown in silhouette. You are going to create your own piece of silhouette war art.

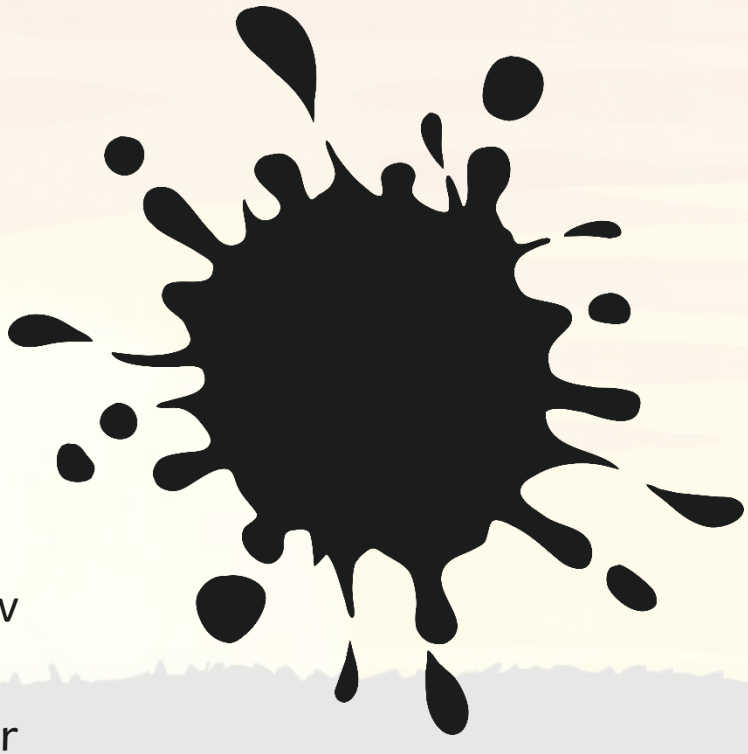
Things You Need

You need:

- paints and water
- brushes
- A3 thick paper
- black card
- scissors

How to Paint Silhouette Art

- Choose the colour(s) you want for your background.
- Sunsets are quite powerful and effective.
- Mix the colours you need for the background, and use water to blend the brush strokes.
- Cover the whole paper with the paint. Don't leave any white parts.
- Whilst your painting is drying, choose a war-related picture to draw onto your black card.
- Make sure it is large enough for your background paper.



The Finished Artwork

Use two strips of paper or card and fold together to make a spring.

Attach this to the back of the silhouette, which you have cut out carefully, and glue the card to the painting.

This will make your silhouette stand out in 3D.

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