

Georgia O'Keeffe

1887-1986



Georgia O'Keeffe was an American female artist and is well known for her paintings of flowers. She liked to paint flowers close up to showcase their beauty. She would study the colors, shapes, patterns, and designs of each flower, considering what made the object unique. Her paintings would fill the canvas. During her career, she painted over 200 pictures of flowers.

Georgia O'Keeffe was born on 15 November 1887 where she grew up on a farm with her six siblings. She studied at the Art Institute of Chicago for a year and then attended the Art Students League in New York for another year after that. Here, she learned about the techniques of traditional realist painting. However, whilst studying the work of Arthur Wesley-Dow, O'Keeffe began experimenting with different styles and techniques. As a result, in 1915, she began a series of abstract charcoal, drawings, making her one of the very first American artists to use pure abstraction.

O'Keeffe is also famous for paintings of spectacular landscapes and places that she had visited such as Mount Fuji and New Mexico.

Sadly, O'Keeffe's eyesight began to fail in her later years but she continued to create art by enlisting the help of several assistants. She died on 6 March 1986, aged 98.



Work: **Grey Line with Black, Blue and Yellow** & **Oriental Poppies**.

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