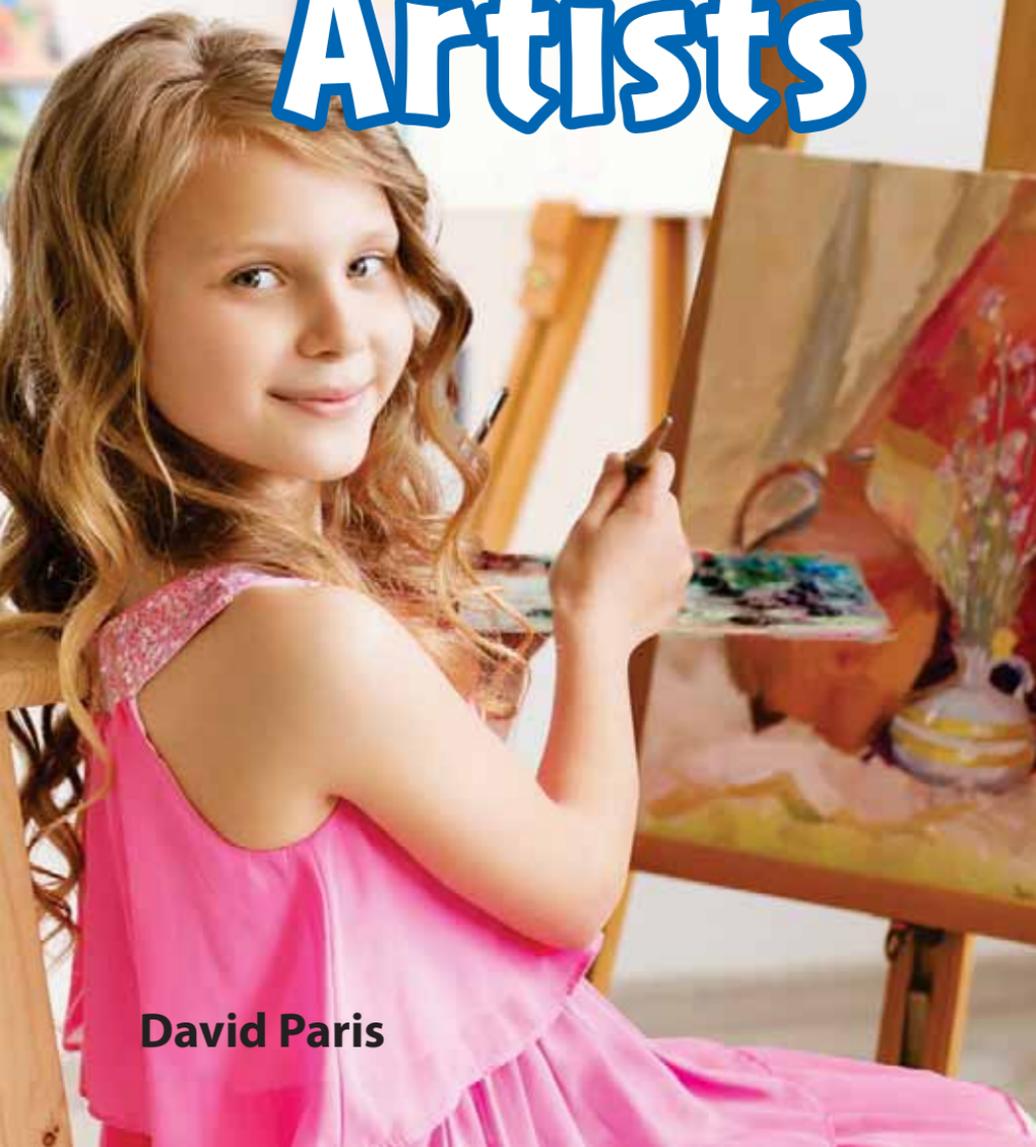


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# Young Artists



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# The Heart of an Artist

Many people **express** themselves through art. Artists share feelings and showcase the beauty around us. Whether it is through paint, song, dance, theater, or words, artists **interpret** the world.

## Kids and Art

You may think that only adults can be great artists. But this is not true. Many children are talented artists, too. All people have the ability to create art. They just need to find a way to express their artistic sides. Many famous artists began their **craft** at a young age and went on to have a long career in art.



### Writing on the Wall

What are the oldest works of art?  
Probably cave drawings found in Asia and Europe. They have been dated as far back as 40,000 years ago.

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## What Is Art Anyway?

Art is hard to define. It is created with imagination. It expresses beauty, ideas, or feelings. But these can include a wide range of things. That's good, because art can be many things to many people!

# Brush Up

Painting is a great way for kids to express themselves! There are many young artists whose work is enjoyed by people of all ages.

## Abstract Aelita

Aelita Andre (ey-LEE-tuh AHN-drey) is a young **abstract** artist from Australia. When she was two years old, her paintings were in an art show. People who saw her paintings did not realize she was so young. They were very impressed by her art. By the time she was four, her paintings often sold for as much as \$10,000 each.

Aelita likes to add objects to her paintings. She has added feathers, plastic figures, or masks to some of her artwork. She has even added glitter.



### Tools of the Trade

Professional painters use special tools to help them paint. They use **palettes**, brushes, and **easels**. They also choose from many different kinds of paint.



- Why might someone want to become a painter?
- What makes Aelita's artwork unique?
- What types of tools do painters use?

Aelita Andre

## Kieron, a Mini Monet

Kieron (KEER-uhn) Williamson is from England. Like many children, Kieron loved coloring and drawing pictures of dinosaurs. His earliest drawings were simple. But he enjoyed art so much that he learned more about it and improved. He started painting using **watercolors**.

By the time he was seven years old, Kieron's paintings were selling for thousands of dollars. His art shows sold out in less than half an hour. No one cared how old he was. Kieron says he is just happy to be able to do what he likes to do—make art.



### The Real Monet

Claude Monet was a French painter. His style of painting is called *impressionism*. This art style captures a feeling rather than showing realistic scenes. Monet made over 200 paintings of water lilies.

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## Walking into a Painting

One of Monet's largest works is in the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. It is 6.5 feet (1.98 meters) tall and almost 42 feet (12.8 meters) long. Standing in front of it can create the feeling of being in a garden.



Kieron Williamson

# Reader's Guide

1. What are some different types of art?
2. What kinds of things does Aelita Andre add to her paintings?
3. How did Misty Copeland become a top ballerina?
4. How are the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* books and the *Just Jake* books similar?

