**Jackson Pollock**

**A person holding a bucket over a large piece of art

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**🖌️ What Did Jackson Pollock Create?**

Jackson Pollock was a famous American painter who became known for his *drip painting* style. Instead of using a brush on an easel, he would lay his canvas on the floor and *splash, drip, and swirl* paint across it. His art is full of energy and emotion!

**👶 Childhood**

* Jackson Pollock was born on **January 28, 1912**, in Cody, Wyoming, USA.
* He was the youngest of **five brothers**.
* His family moved around a lot, and he lived in places like Arizona and California.
* He loved Native American art and sand painting, which later inspired his own style.

**🎓 Education**

* Jackson studied at the **Manual Arts High School** in Los Angeles.
* He moved to New York City to study art more seriously.
* He was trained by **Thomas Hart Benton**, a realist painter who taught him about rhythm and movement.
* Pollock also learned about **Mexican muralists** and **Surrealist art**, which helped shape his ideas.

**💼 Career**

* He worked for the **Works Progress Administration (WPA)**, creating public art during the Great Depression.
* In the 1940s, he developed his famous **drip technique**.
* Pollock became a leader of the **Abstract Expressionist** movement.
* In 1949, **Life Magazine** featured him with the question: “Is he the greatest living painter in the United States?”

**🖼️Artworks**

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A close up of a painting

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Blue Poles

A close up of a painting

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**A person painting on a large white surface

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🎨**How did he paint his paintings?**

He used unprimed canvas and house paint, he put black lines on first, then added colour.

**💬 Quotes from Jackson Pollock**

* “Painting is self-discovery. Every good artist paints what he is.”
* “I don’t paint nature. I am nature.”
* “The painting has a life of its own. I try to let it come through.”