

## Jackson Pollock



### 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

Number 1A



Convergence



Autumn Rhythm



Blue Poles



🎨 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.”