

Nicolas Poussin

What Did He Create?

Nicolas Poussin was a painter who created:

- Calm, balanced **landscape scenes** with people in them
- **Stories from the Bible**, ancient myths, and history
- Paintings where the people look like they're **posing like statues**
- Art that makes you **think**, not just feel
- Scenes filled with **ancient ruins, flowing rivers, and peaceful skies**



Childhood

- Born in 1594 in a small town called Les Andelys in France
- Grew up in the countryside surrounded by nature and hills
- Loved drawing from a young age and used any scrap of paper he could find
- His parents weren't artists, but they let him follow his passion

Education

- Moved to Paris as a young man to become a painter
- Learned by **copying famous paintings** and studying drawings
- Met artists and teachers who encouraged him to learn more about **ancient Greek and Roman art**
- Eventually went to **Rome**, where he learned even more by studying **ruins, sculptures, and Renaissance art**

Career

- Spent most of his adult life in **Rome**, where he painted for churches and important people

- Became known for painting **very organised scenes**, almost like theatre plays
- People loved how he used **light, space, and calm figures** to tell stories
- Was invited back to France by the king, but didn't stay long—he preferred quiet Rome
- Had a big influence on later artists who loved **clear design and classical beauty**

🗨️ Quotes from Nicolas Poussin

“Colour in painting is like enthusiasm in a man. It is fit only for the young.”

“Painting is an imitative art. Its aim is not to invent but to copy nature.”

“I neglect nothing.”

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Landscape with St John on Patmos

Landscape with St Matthew and the Angel



The Sorcerer Atlante Abducting Pinabello's Lady



Saints Peter and John Healing the Lame Man