



What Did Turner Create?

Turner was a British artist who painted **landscapes, seascapes, and dramatic skies** using **light, colour, and emotion**. He is best known for his **romantic and atmospheric paintings** that often show storms, sunlight, and boats at sea.



Childhood

- He was born in London in 1775.
- His father was a barber and wig-maker.
- He began drawing at a young age, especially when sent to stay with relatives in the countryside.
- His mother struggled with mental illness, and Turner often lived away from home.



Education

- He joined the **Royal Academy of Arts** at just 14 years old.
- He studied **architecture and classical art** as part of his training.
- He practised by copying famous paintings and sketching from nature.
- He showed his first work at the Royal Academy when he was only 15!



Career

- He became known as the “**painter of light**” because of the way he used colour and sunshine.
- He travelled around Britain and Europe, sketching mountains, lakes, and coastlines.
- Turner experimented with **watercolour, oil paints, and unusual techniques**.
- He left over **30,000 artworks** to the nation when he died!

Artworks

The Fighting Temeraire



Rain, Steam and Speed



Snow Storm: Steam



The Burning of the Houses of Lords and Commons



Quotes from Turner

- “Light is therefore colour.”
- “I know of no genius but the genius of hard work.”
- “The Sun is God.”