

The Great Wave by Hokusai



Read the following information carefully.

The Great Wave off Kanagawa, also known as The Great Wave or The Wave by the Japanese artist Hokusai, was created as a woodblock print sometime between 1829 and 1833.

It was the first print in Hokusai's series Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji. It is Hokusai's most famous work, and one of the most famous Japanese artworks in the world.

Answer the following questions.

True or False

1. The name of the picture is The Wave, but it has other names too. (true/false)
2. It is an oil painting. (true/false)
3. It is by a Japanese artist called Hokusai. (true/false)
4. Mount Everest is in the background. (true/false)
5. The picture is not very well known. (true/false)
6. It was published last year. (true/false)

Picture to poem – observe the picture and fill in the table with what you see.

Colours Which colours are in the picture?	Shapes Which shapes are in the picture?
Features Which objects, people, animals, buildings, features can you see?	Feelings How does the picture make you feel? Which emotions, if any, are expressed in the picture?
Verbs Which actions would you associate with the picture? Which verbs can describe what you see?	Connotations Does the picture make you think of something else? Does it remind you of anything? Does something in it remind you of another thing?

1. Colours	2. Shapes
3. Features	4. Feelings
5. Verbs	6. Connotations

Dice Roll Poem

Play with the words to create a poem. Roll a dice or use the PPT from the school website and choose a word from the column with the corresponding number.

For example, if I roll 2,2,3,1,6, I choose two shapes, a feature, a colour and a connotation. This creates the following poem:

The Wave (Dice Roll Poem)

Sharp points (2)

Grey (2)

The great wave (3)

White (1)

Destruction (6)

Your poem should include 3 or 4 verses and have 5 lines in each verse. Present your work neatly and you could even add some colour adding some decoration or a border.

