

# Jackson Pollock

1912 - 1956



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Pollock was born in 1912, in America. His full name was Paul Jackson Pollock. Growing up, he got into a lot of trouble at school. Jackson had four older brothers.

When he was 18, he moved to New York with one of his brothers, who was an artist. Jackson decided to become a painter.

Rather than using an easel like most painters, Pollock put his canvases on the floor. Jackson invented 'drip painting' which meant he used different tools to drip, pour and splatter paint onto the canvas from above.

Jackson's paintings show his feelings, such as happiness or sadness. Pollock was often very unhappy so many of his paintings use dark, gloomy colours.

Many people think that Jackson was one of the greatest modern artists. His art became very famous and people have spent millions of pounds on his work.



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