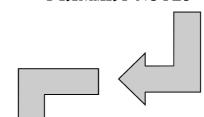
The sketchbooks of Jack B. Yeats (1871-1957)

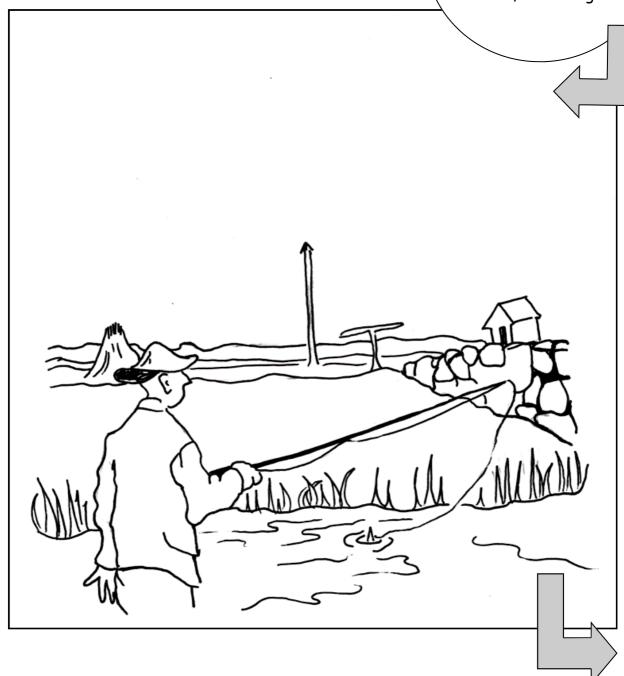
Yeats filled his sketchbooks with drawings of people and places







Colour in this copy of a sketch by J. B. Yeats; showing a man fishing by a bridge in Kilea, Co. Donegal



Jack B. Yeats at the National Gallery of Ireland

His Life

- J. B. Yeats was a very successful 20th century Irish painter
- Born in London, 1871
- Grew up in Sligo with his grandparents
- His brother was the poet, William Butler Yeats
- His dad was a famous portrait painter, John Butler Yeats
- He had two creative sisters called Lilly and Lolly
- Met his wife (Mary Cottenham White, known as Cottie) at art college in London
- Always carried a sketchbook in his pocket and recorded the things he saw
- Travelled around the west of Ireland and the Aran islands making drawings of the people and their ways of life
- Filled more than 200 sketchbooks
- His style changed dramatically when he started to use oil paint, although the subject matter stayed the same
- Died in Dublin aged 86 in 1957

Jack's niece (Anne Yeats) do 19



J. B. Yeats painting, The Liffey Swim, 1923 won a silver medal in the 1924 Paris Olympics

Task:

Write a letter to
Jack to congratulate
him on winning the
Olympic medal

The Yeats Archive

- 204 sketchbooks
- Newspaper clippings
- Books
- Photographs
- Medals
- Letters from friends and family
- His painter's smock and easel



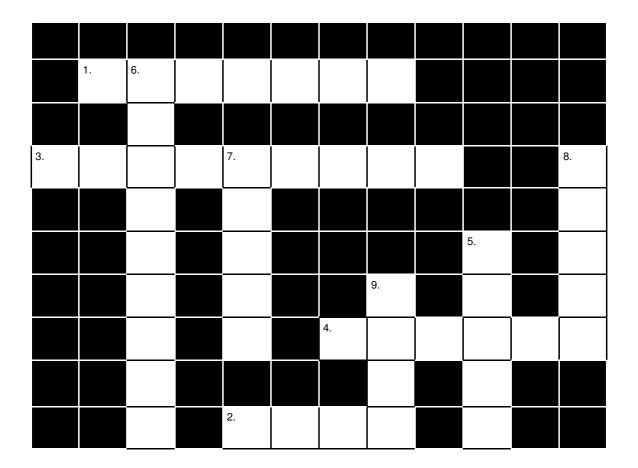


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- 1. His brother's name
- 2. Jack travelled to the _ _ _ islands in 1905
- 3. The largest island off the coast of Galway
- 4. His wife's nickname

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- 5. Jack used ____ colour in his sketchbooks
- 6. The title of his brother's poem is, *The Lake Isle of* _____
- 7. He grew up here with his grandparents
- 8. His favourite animal to sketch
- 9. His father's name



Young artist at work ...

Design a medal for An art competition Character Design To commemorate 1916 b. Draw a character from the The Olympics C. 1900s below, e.g. • An old woman wearing a shawl and a bonnet • A fisherman from the west of Ireland A jockey A circus performer