

Wassily Kandinsky

Learning Objective:

To develop ideas for an abstract work of art inspired by Kandinsky.



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Black-Red, 1928.

What can you see?

What do you think about these paintings?

How do they make you feel?

Do parts of them remind you of anything?

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Mild Process, 1928.

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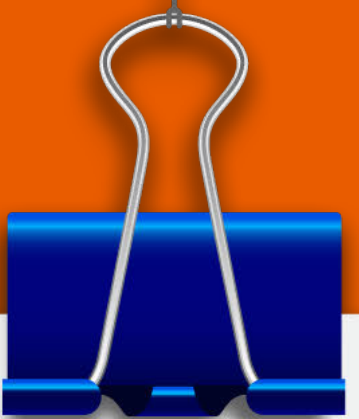
On The Points, 1928.

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Kandinsky said that he saw colours and shapes when he heard certain sounds, or music.

What can you see?
What effect do the shapes and colours have?



Composition VI, 1913.



He was inspired by music, and used shapes and colours to express the sounds made by instruments of an orchestra.



Composition VII, 1913.

What music, sounds or instruments do you think this painting might describe?



*Lohengrin Overture,
Wagner,
1850.*



On White II, 1923.

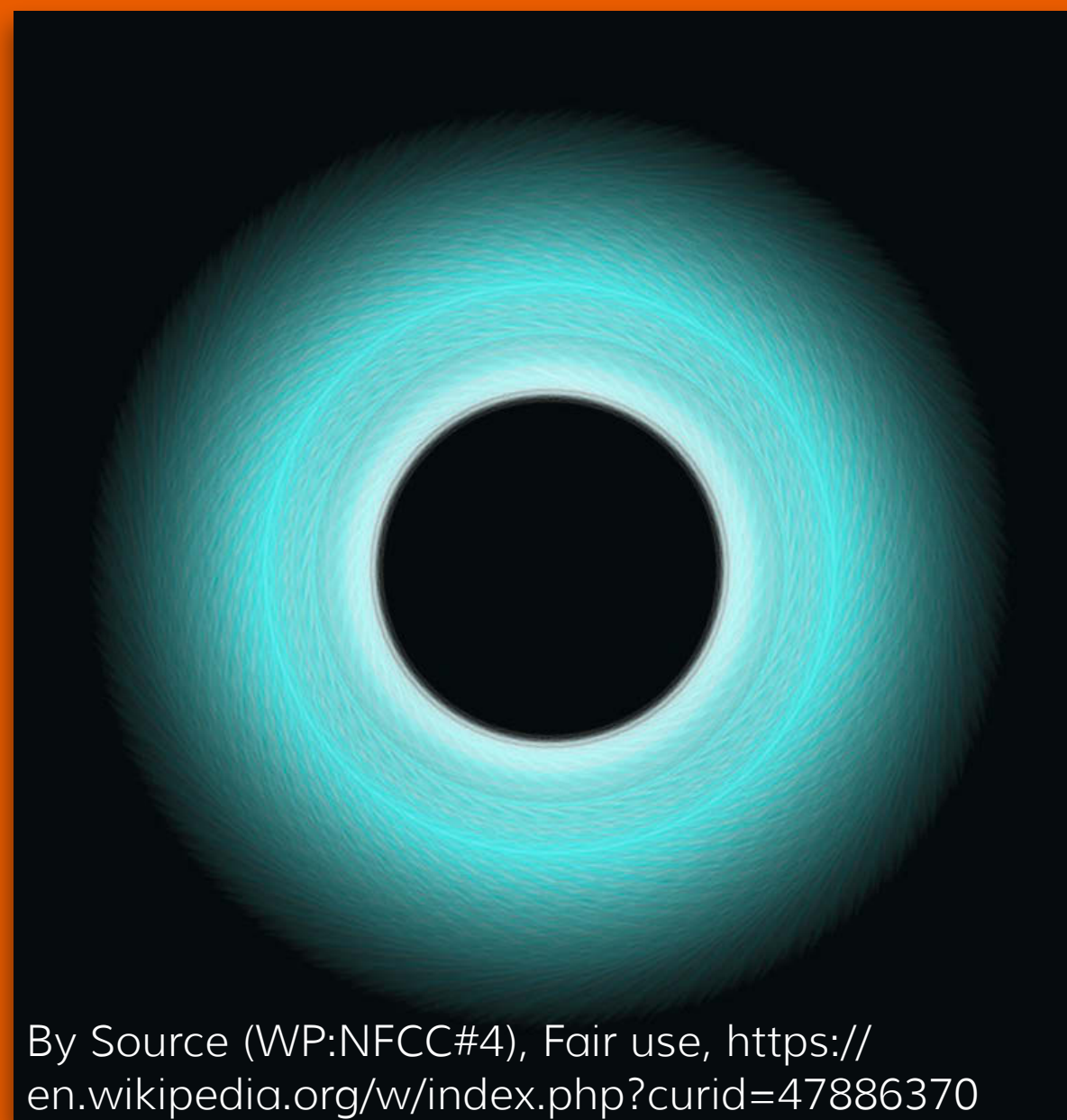
What sounds do
you think these
describe?



Several Circles, 1926.

Lots of artists link colours, shapes and sounds.

Artists Carol Steen and David Hockney have both made paintings which describe sounds.



Singers/songwriters Pharrell Williams and Lady Gaga associate colours with sounds in their music videos.



Hans Zimmer composes music inspired by the colours of the films he scores.

"On 'The Lion King', I had black-and-white drawings to work with, and I'm still kicking myself about one scene because I got the colour in the music wrong. I didn't get the emotion right because the colours were clashing."

PLENARY

clean laundry

tarmac

What images or colours do you think of when you remember these smells?

sewage

cut grass

petrol

It's not just sounds that people associate with colours and shapes! What about smells, words or numbers?

citrus fruits

smelly feet