**Watercolor Sentences**

1. Marilyn Monroe painted watercolor.
   1. She painted a rose for president John F. Kennedy’s birthday.
2. Prince Charles paints many rural and village landscapes in watercolor.
3. And never yet did Insurrection want such water-colours, to impaint his cause.
   1. Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part I (1596), act 5, scene 1, line 80
4. Initially, artists ground their own colors from natural pigments, or else bought paint in liquid form.
5. In the last two decades of the eighteenth century, artists could purchase small, hard cakes of soluble watercolor.
   1. This was invented by William Reeves in 1780.
6. To produce the paint, an artist dipped a cake in water and rubbed it onto a receptacle like an oyster shell or porcelain saucer.
7. In the nineteenth century, watercolor artists used scrapers, sandpaper, penknives, brush handles, or fingernails.
   1. They used these tools to remove dry or wet color from the surface of the paper to create highlights.
8. Sponges, brushes, bread crumbs, or bits of paper were used to blot watercolor washes and soften their intensity.
9. The technique of water-based painting dates to ancient times.
10. Many cultures of the world have a history of using watercolor.
11. In the West, European artists used watercolor to decorate illuminated manuscripts and to color maps in the Middle Ages.
    1. European artists also used watercolor to make studies from nature and portrait miniatures during the Renaissance.
12. Edward Hopper was a proficient watercolorist.
    1. His 1942 painting titled “Nighthawks” is his most famous piece.
13. Georgia O’Keeffe dabbled in watercolor painting.
14. Vincent Van Gogh produced nearly 150 watercolor paintings during his life.
    1. His watercolor paintings often lack his distinctive brush stroke textures.
    2. However, these paintings are unmistakably Van Gogh in their use of bold, vibrant color.
    3. Often times, these watercolors were used as field studies for their eventual larger oil counterparts.
    4. At the age of 28, Vincent wrote the following in a letter to his brother Theo:
    5. “I came away from him with some painted studies and a few watercolors.
    6. “They are not masterpieces, of course, yet I really believe that there is some soundness and truth in them.
    7. “More at any rate than what I’ve done up to now.
    8. And so, I reckon that I am now at the beginning of doing something serious.”
    9. When Van Gogh started working with watercolors, he used them to add color to his drawings.
    10. However, as he continued to use them, he began creating works that stood alone as watercolors.
15. According to Renoir, during Paul Cézanne’s later years it was common to discover watercolors that Cézanne had discarded in the fields near Aix-en-Provence.
    1. These demonstrate the disregard Cézanne apparently displayed toward these sheets.
    2. More than 600 of Cézanne’s watercolors are still around today.

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