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An Artist's Life



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Everyone Is an Artist

In preschool, children love to paint. No one cares if the pictures are perfect. Children draw pictures to share their feelings. And older artists remember these feelings when they make art.

Many artists begin the day in art class. The students sit around a **model** to practice sketching. Drawing **portraits** is an ancient art. When the weather is nice, the class goes outside. This is the perfect place to draw **landscapes** from nature.

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up."

—Pablo Picasso



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THINK LINK

Imagine you are an artist.

- What skills would you need to succeed?
- How does someone earn money as an artist?
- What type of artist would you like to be?



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An Artist's Day

An artist's day may look something like this.

7:30 A.M.	Wake up, dress comfortably.
8:00 A.M.	Eat breakfast and walk to art class.
9:00 A.M.	Sketch in art class.
12:00 P.M.	Break for lunch with other art students.
12:30 P.M.	Take brisk walk to the **studio**.
1:00 P.M.	Prepare the **canvas**. Set up the **easel**, **palette**, paints, and brushes.
1:15 P.M.	Begin painting.
3:00 P.M.	Take a 15-minute stretch break, then keep painting.
5:00 P.M.	Clean the brushes and palette. The painting will be finished tomorrow.
5:30 P.M.	Enjoy dinner.
6:30 P.M.	Shower and dress up for the fun evening ahead.
7:00 P.M.	Time for the **exhibit**.
10:00 P.M.	The exhibit ends.
11:00 P.M.	Sleep!



Experts say it takes 10,000 hours of practice to master an activity.



STOP! THINK...

- What are you usually doing at 9:00 in the morning?
- When do you feel the most creative?
- Why do you think artists say they never have enough time to make art?

Mighty Media

There are many kinds of artists. Some are painters. Others are **illustrators** or **sculptors**. Each type of art uses different tools. The supplies are called **media**. Art can be made from anything. It can be made from wire, cardboard, or even sand at the beach! What matters is that the art was made with care and imagination.

During class, artists talk about what media they would like to try. Some want to use pencils and pens to draw. Others may use crayons or **pastels** to add color. **Charcoal** can be used to make a strong dark line. Each tool creates a different effect. Some make thin sharp lines. Others add color and look softer. Artists like to try new tools and see what happens.

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