



The paintings of Otto Dix

Otto Dix was a German painter. He volunteered to fight during the First World War in the German army. After the war was over in the 1920s and early 1930s he created paintings about the war using memories of his wartime experiences.

Look carefully at each painting in turn.

1. There is a blank border around each of the paintings. Label any specific details (such as gas masks) in the border which may show that the painter had experience of trench warfare. Draw an arrow from the label to the item in the painting to show which labels belong to which object or part of the painting.

2. Agree on the wording of a sentence to sum up each painting.

3. List the feelings that you think Otto Dix wanted people to feel when they saw each painting.

4. Decide if you think there would have been a difference as to how different Germans might have felt about the paintings for example if:

They were Germans who had opposed the war.

They were Germans who had really believed in the German war effort.

5. Note down anything you can see in each painting, for example the way soldiers are dressed which might make someone looking at it feel a particular emotion.