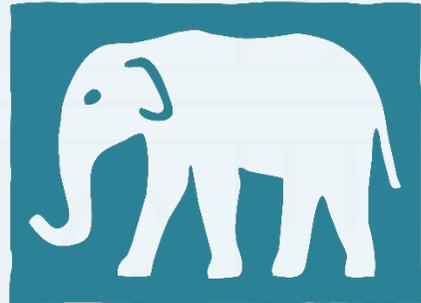
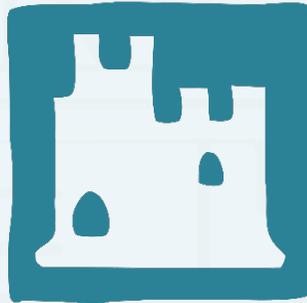


Making Picture Puzzles



Aim

- I can tell you about the artist Joaquin Torres Garcia.

Success Criteria

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Joaquin Torres Garcia



Joaquin Torres Garcia

(1874-1949)

Torres Garcia was famous for using symbols in his artworks. He made toys, paintings and sculptures.

His biggest influences were the artist, Mondrian and ancient people such as the ancient Greeks and Egyptians. Ancient people used symbols to tell stories and record information. Torres Garcia used this as a way of communicating his ideas too.

Torres Garcia wanted his work to look flat, on a grid.

He preferred earthy colours and used symbols from music, religion, horoscopes, traffic, technology and ancient cultures.



Looking at Art

Look at the following images.

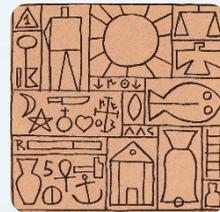
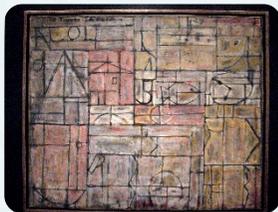
What can you see in the picture?

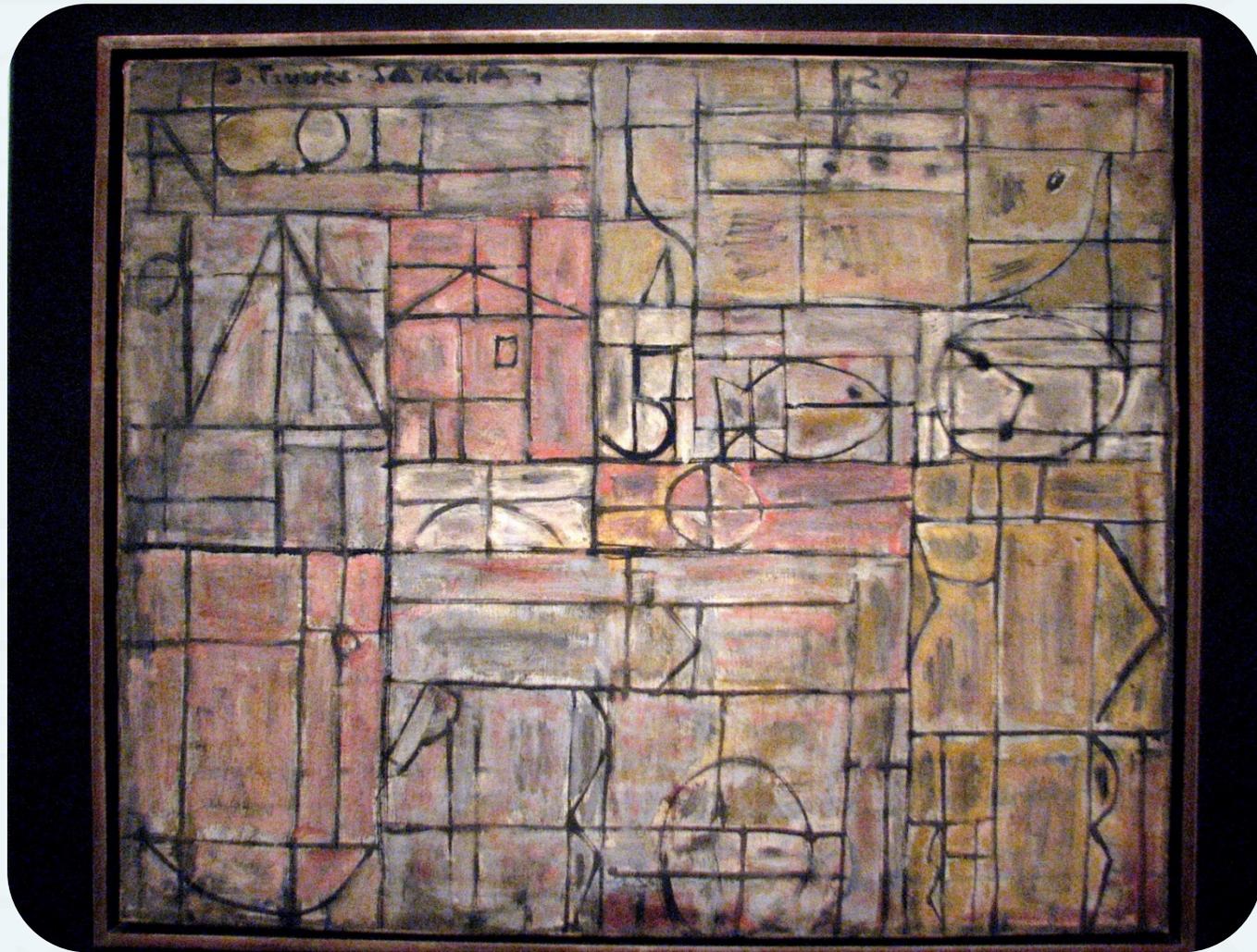
Look at the symbols in the painting. Do you recognise any? What might they mean?

What kind of colours has the artist used?

How does the picture make you feel?

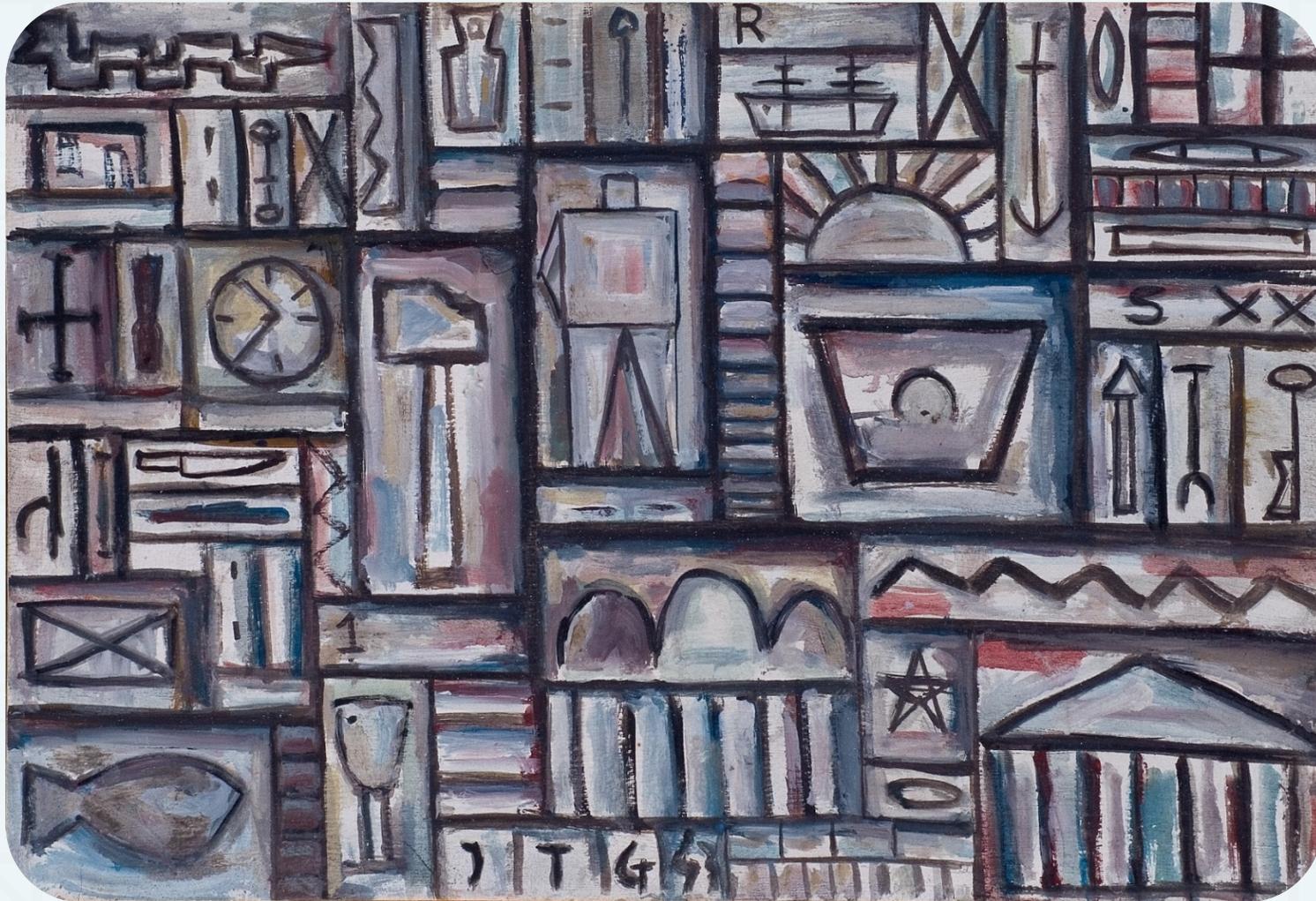
Why do you think the artist painted it?





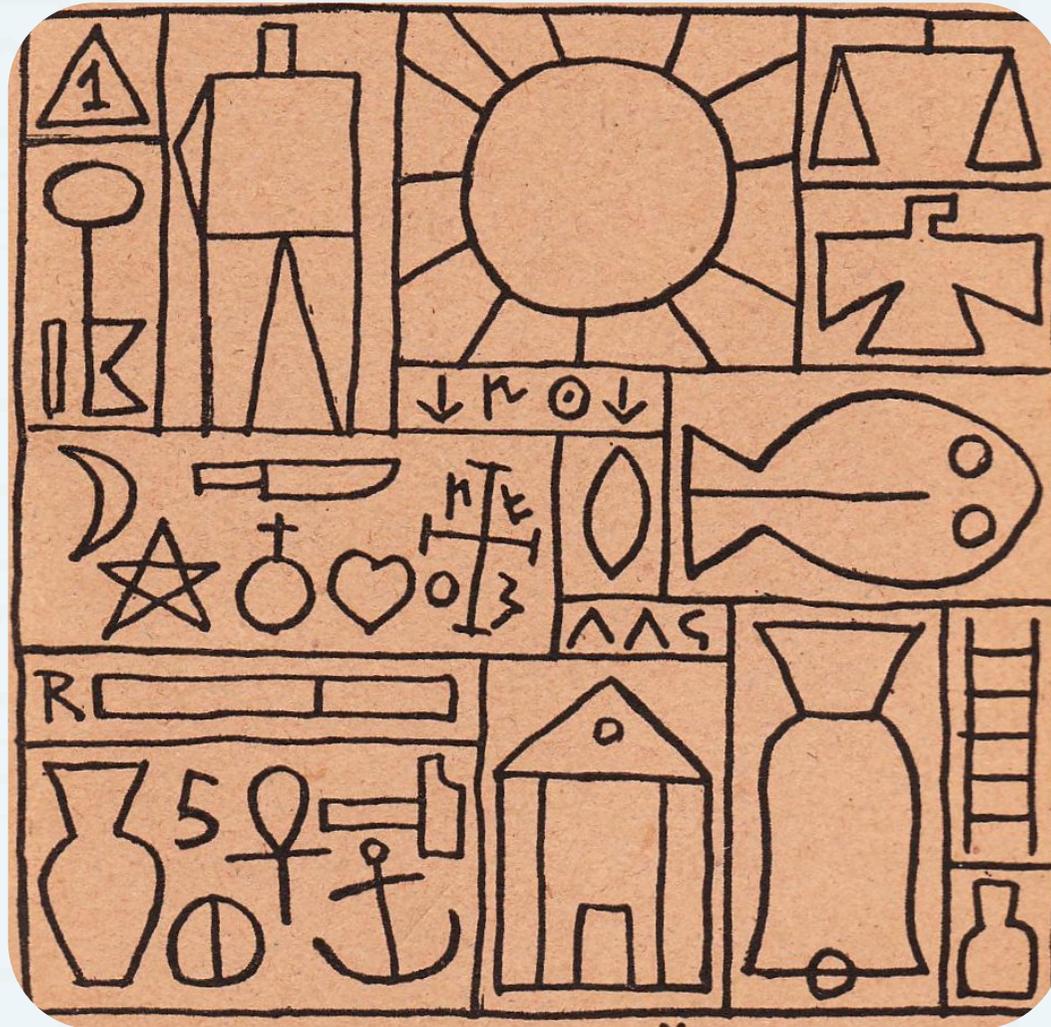
Unknown
by Joaquin Torres Garcia

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Construcción
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Doctrina Constructivista
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Arte Constructivo
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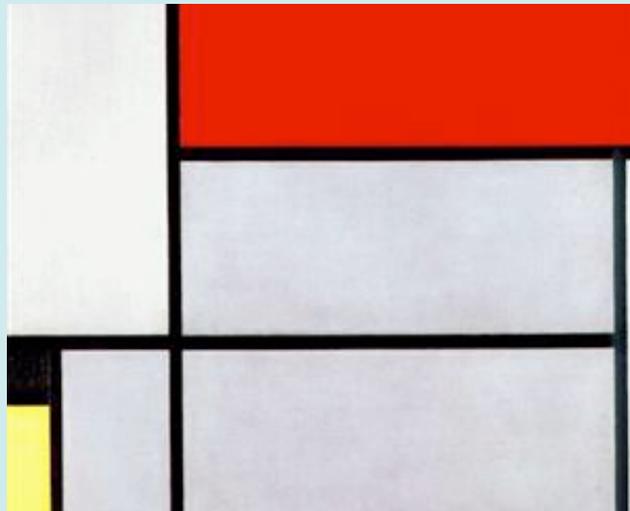
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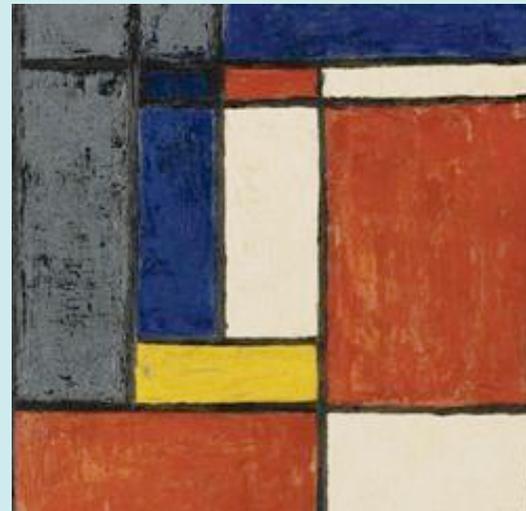
Comparing Mondrian to Torres Garcia

Torres Garcia always explained that Mondrian had been a big influence on his work. *What do you think?*

Find a difference and a similarity between the works.



This painting was completed in 1921 by Mondrian.



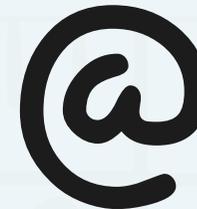
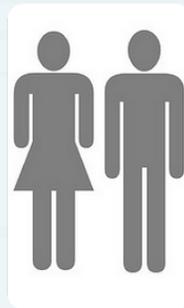
This painting was completed in 1929 by Torres Garcia.

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Match the Symbols

Torres Garcia used signs and symbols throughout most of his work.

To find out how important signs and symbols are as a way of communicating in everyday life, match the symbol to the meaning:



Answers - Match the Symbols



Christianity



Fast Food



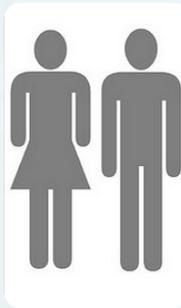
Disabled Parking



Peace



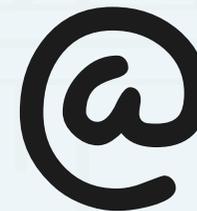
Love



Toilets



Warning



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Thinking about Yourself

Instructions: You are going to draw four small pictures that represent yourself.

Try and answer these questions.

They will help you to decide what your four pictures might be:

1. What object is most important to you?
2. What is your best or funniest memory?
3. Who would you take with you if you won an amazing holiday?
4. When you are not at school, what do you enjoy doing most?



Turning your Ideas into Symbols

Your answers might look like this:

1. My Trophy
2. My Dad's dancing at a wedding.
3. My family.
4. When you are not at school, what do you enjoy doing most?

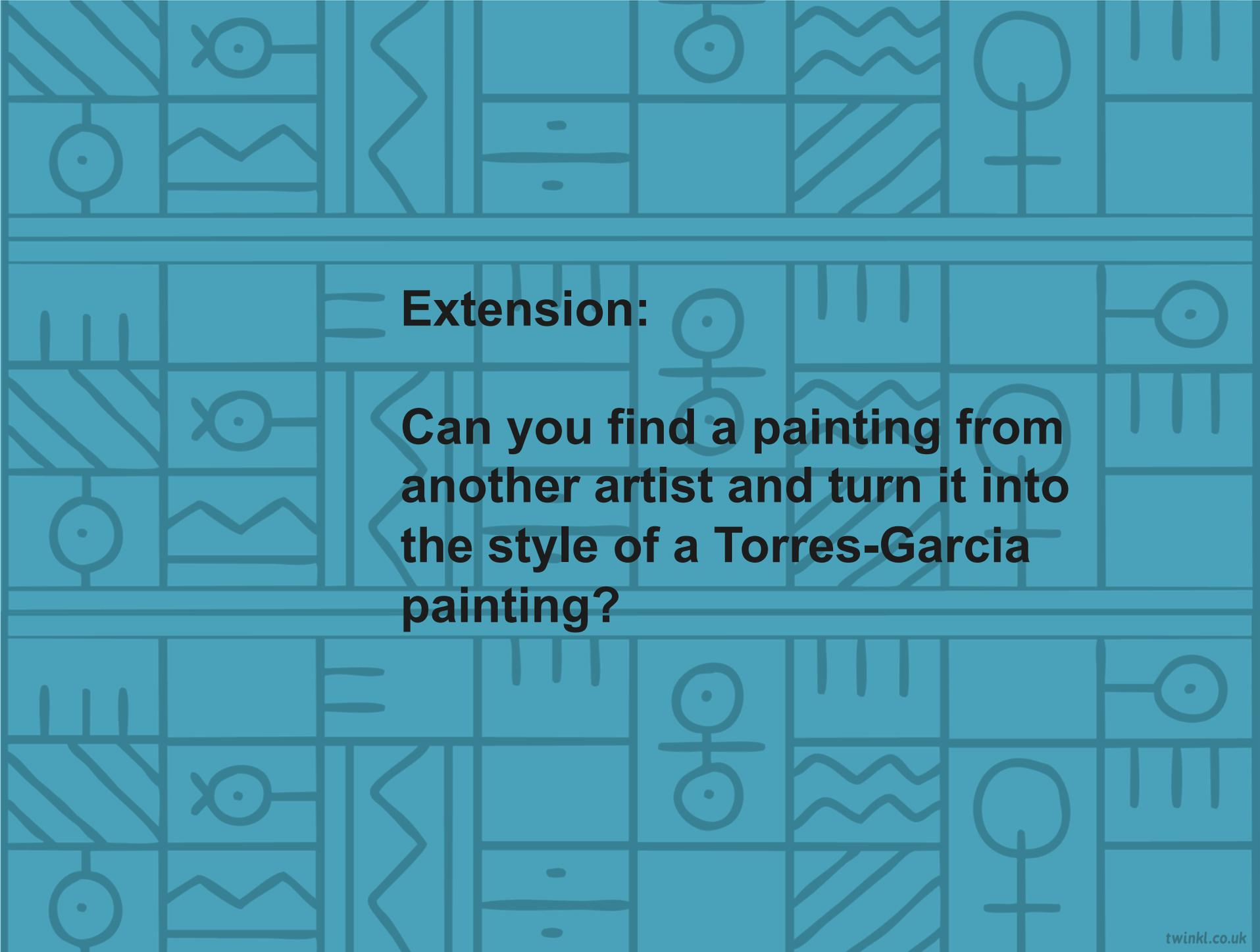
Turn your answers into simple pictures (symbols)
What will you draw?



What a Good Picture Puzzle Looks Like...



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Extension:

Can you find a painting from another artist and turn it into the style of a Torres-Garcia painting?

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