

## Georgia O'Keeffe

Georgia O'Keeffe was born on November 15, 1887, in Wisconsin. Even as a child she knew she wanted to be an artist. At the time when she was in school, women did not often become artists; it was a profession for men. O'Keeffe was accepted to important art schools, worked her way through the New York art world, and since has become one of the most important artists in America's history and the Modernist movement. She spent much of her life living and working in New Mexico. The focus of her paintings was often flowers, and cityscapes. She was married to the famous photographer Alfred Stieglitz.

Vocabulary:

Modernism, Minimalism, Abstraction

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- Imagine that you could change your size...become very small and climb up the stem of a flower and look inside. How would it look, smell, and feel?
- Describe an idea that came to you out of the blue – one that you have never heard or seen. For example, Georgia O'Keeffe thought about art as “visual music.” How would you choose to share these first-time-ever ideas? You might have to invent a new form of expression. Describe what form of expression would you choose.
- Georgia O'Keeffe was an explorer of new worlds. She shared her discoveries through her paintings. Name some other explorers throughout history, who have expanded our ways of experiencing the world. How did they share their discoveries with others?

Art Project:

An art project using watercolor accompanies this presentation

Links:

#1) Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

<http://www.okeeffemuseum.org/>

#2) Britannica- Georgia O'Keeffe

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/426453/Georgia-OKeeffe>

#3) National Gallery- Georgia O'Keeffe

<http://www.nga.gov/kids/scoop-okeeffe.pdf>