

Art:

Today we are recapping...

LS Lowry



L.S. Lowry is particularly well known for painting industrial scenes and matchstick characters.

## Who is L.S. Lowry?

L.S. Lowry is one of Britain's most famous artists from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.



## About L.S. Lowry



- His full name is Laurence Stephen Lowry.
- He was born in Stretford, Manchester, on 1 November 1887.
- He had an unhappy childhood by his own account and wasn't appreciated by his mother, who had wanted a baby girl.
- He came from quite a well-off family, but because his paintings were of working class people it is often assumed that he was also working class.
- Even though he was an artist, he had a 'normal' everyday job as well. After leaving his role as a clerk for General Accident in 1910, Lowry then went on to work as a rent collector for a company called Pall Mall in Manchester. He worked all his life until he retired when he was 65.
- He was quite a solitary person, keeping himself to himself, he never married or had children.
- He died on 23 February 1976, in Glossop, Derbyshire.

# Life as an Artist



- One day Laurence Stephen Lowry had been going about his job collecting rent and had missed a train, he found himself mesmerised by the streets and buildings surrounding him in the part of Manchester he was in and felt like he had to draw them. This is how he began life as an artist.
- He is best known for his pictures of industrial scenes of towns in the north west of England, including his home town of Manchester.
- His pictures would include buildings like factories and cotton mills, with lots of workers and passersby.
- The people in his pictures were not very detailed, in fact they are often called **'matchstick men.'**
- In 1978 a song called 'Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs' was written as a tribute to Lowry. It made it to Number 1 in the charts.

Read the following sentences and decide whether they are **true or false**.

- He was born in Manchester, in the north of England.
- He used to draw matchstick men.
- L.S. Lowry's full name is Luke Sam Lowry.
- He is famous for drawing pictures of towns in the north west of England.
- The song '*Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs*' reached number 3 in the charts.

Use the facts you have found out from the PowerPoint to answer the following questions.

1. Who was L.S. Lowry?
2. When was he born?
3. What do his initials L and S stand for?
4. Why did many people think Lowry came from a working class family?
5. What was Lowry's everyday job?
6. What made Lowry first want to paint?
7. Name 2 things he is famous for drawing.
8. In which year was the song about his pictures written?
9. What was the song called?
10. Can you draw one of his famous pictures and write its name?



Listen to the song

***'Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs.'***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmopSVOMSsU>

Can you learn some of it off by heart?