



Artist & Composer Study

This session's featured artist is Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We've included four art selections for your kids and teens to use for picture study. They are:

- *Spring (1563)*
- *Summer (1563)*
- *Autumn (1573)*
- *Winter (1563)*

Our featured composer is Camille Saint-Saëns. We've included one piece (with a link) to listen to, which is:

- The Carnival of the Animals

Additionally, we have included a poem composed by Ogden Nash that was written to accompany Saint-Saëns' musical piece:

- The Carnival of the Animals, with Verses

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Giuseppe Arcimboldo

1526 or 1527 - July 11, 1593

Giuseppe Arcimboldo (1526 or 1527 - 1593) was an Italian artist and court painter to the Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand I.

He is most renowned today for his portrait paintings made from fruits, vegetables, books, and other objects that appeared as human faces.

His work was a unique form of visual art in the 16th century, and it was an inspiration to many future generations of surrealists.

Arcimboldo's father, Biagio, was a painter who had worked in a cathedral in Milan. Giuseppe began to follow in his father's footsteps as an artist, working at cathedrals when he was 21 years old.

Giuseppe was originally trained as a designer of stained glass and frescoes, which may have contributed to his interest in unusual compositional elements and eccentric details.

He relocated to Vienna in 1562 on the invitation of Ferdinand I, where he first painted for the emperor. He would later go on to paint portraits for two other emperors: Maximilian II, and his son and successor Rudolf II.

In addition to his portrait work, Arcimboldo also completed religious paintings as well as landscapes. His series of oil-on-canvas paintings *The Four Seasons* (1563-1573) are some of his most acclaimed works and two can still be found in Vienna's Kunsthistorisches Museum. The paintings combine the faces of four people with various elements of nature: spring is represented by a woman made of flowers, summer is depicted as a woman made from seasonal fruit, autumn is a man constructed from seasonal vegetables, and the old man portraying winter is composed of branches.

Even centuries later, Arcimboldo's work continues to be celebrated and referenced in modern pop culture, including music and film. His work has inspired many modern-day surrealists, making him one of the most renowned figures in art history.

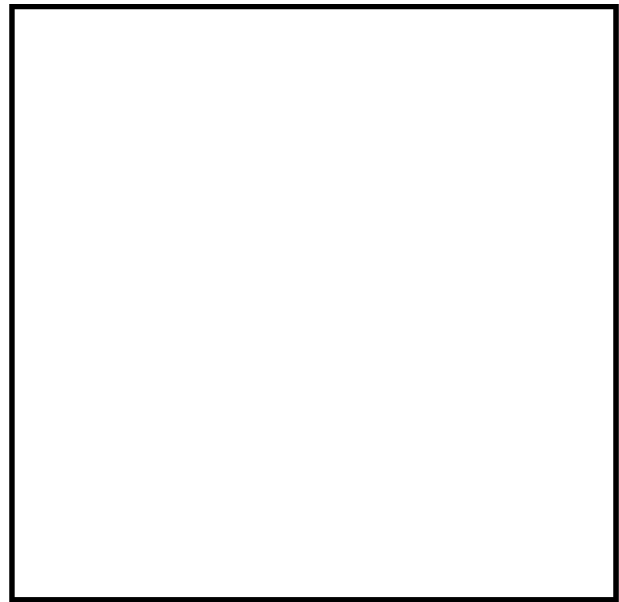
Artist Study

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Artist Fun Facts: _____



Art Mediums Used: _____

Famous Artworks: _____

Further Study:



Spring (1563)



Summer (1563)



Autumn (1573)



Winter (1563)

Picture Study

Title: _____

Date Created: _____

Art Mediums Used: _____

Further Study: _____

Use the box to draw a picture inspired by this artwork.

