



## Year 3 Art – Ghanaian Folk Art. Artist: Contemporary West African Artists

### What should I already know?

- Some colour wheels have 12 colours:  
3 primary, 3 secondary and 6 tertiary.
- Artists are influenced by the places where they are from.
- Composition means how shapes are put together to make an image.
- Techniques are skills or ways of doing things.

### About the artists

- We are looking at 6 West African artists: Babajide Olatunji, Toyin Ojih Odutola, El Anatsui, Aboudia Abdoulaye Diarrassouba, Kehinde Wiley, Peju Alatise
- All artists are influenced by the customs and traditions of where they grow up. Artists can show this in many different ways and styles.
- Some Art has a special meaning for the people in the place where it is from.
- Kente cloth is made up of different colours, patterns and shapes.
- Once, only members of the royal family of the Ashanti kingdom were allowed to wear it.



Tribal Marks by Babajide Olatunji



An example of Kente cloth

### Key Vocabulary and definitions

<b>Cultural tradition</b>	Things that are done in a place where you are from.
<b>custom</b>	Things that have been done for a long time.
<b>Folk Art</b>	Art made by craftsmen and people who had no formal training.
<b>Ghanaian</b>	Coming from the African country of Ghana.
<b>pattern</b>	A design made by repeating shapes or lines.
<b>Kente cloth</b>	Special Ghanaian cloth woven from silk and cotton.
<b>weaving</b>	The process of making something by creating a pattern of over and under.
<b>loom</b>	Frame used to weave cloth.
<b>warp</b>	Lines of thread that are held in tight parallel lines.
<b>weft</b>	The thread that is woven over and under the warp.

### Kente Colours

The colours in Kente cloth have special meanings in Ghana.

 <b>Gold:</b> royalty, wealth, spiritual purity	 <b>Red:</b> blood, strong political & spiritual feelings
 <b>Yellow:</b> royalty, wealth, holy, precious	 <b>Maroon:</b> mother earth, healing
 <b>White:</b> purity, healing, festive occasions	 <b>Purple:</b> earth, healing, femininity
 <b>Blue:</b> peace, harmony, love	 <b>Black:</b> maturation, spirits of the ancestors
 <b>Green:</b> harvest, growth, spiritual renewal	