

**LOOK
FIND
DISCOVER**
Activity Sheet

Look at the artworks
in the gallery...



Can you
find this
shape?

Once you think you have found it, turn over to see
if you are right and to learn about the artist

Franz Marc

HORSE AND DONKEY



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Do you think the painting would express different emotions if the animals were painted in different colours?

Franz Marc was a German artist born in Munich in 1880. He was a painter and printmaker.

In the early 1900's Marc spent time in France to study the great artists such as Vincent van Gogh and Paul Gauguin. When he returned to Munich he formed a new art group called Der Blaue Reiter (The Blue Rider).

As a group, Der Blaue Reiter produced work to express feelings and spiritual emotions. They rejected realistic styles; instead they embraced all forms of artwork and found a connection between the visual arts, music, dance and film.

Franz Marc painted animals in natural settings.

He believed that animals evoke an innocence unspoiled by man.

He simplified shapes and used bright colours; each colour had a specific symbolic meaning to him.