

《高中英语》（上外版）必修三第二单元 **Art and Artists**

第六课时 学案（教师版）

课题：Moving Forward: Introducing an Artist

课时学习目标：

- 能通过重读重点词语，对艺术家进行有吸引力的口头介绍，为猜测艺术家的游戏提供线索；
- 能通过选择和润色相关联的信息，以总-分模式书面介绍一位艺术家；
- 能借助评价指标，对其他同学的写作在结构、内容和词汇运用上做出评价并提出建议。

课时学习过程：

I. Speaking: Guessing the artist

Interactive Activity 1: Guess who the artist is according to the teacher's oral introduction.

Teacher's sample of five clues to an artist:

He was regarded as a talented painter of nature-based paintings.

Night, though a common subject was a source of creativity for him.

“Starry night” was one of his masterpieces and is well-known all over the world.

He used bright and sometimes joyful colors in his paintings despite his painful mental illness.

His painting has inspired many other painters ever since and has contributed greatly to their artistic creation.

Interactive Activity 2: Guess who the artist is according to the Ss' oral introduction.

Interactive Activity 3: Think further about what aspects to introduce about an artist.

Aspects	
Artist	<u>Occupation</u>
	<u>Quality</u>
	<u>Influence</u>
Art works	<u>Subject</u> or <u>Message</u>
	Artistic <u>style</u>
	Art <u>form</u>

II. Writing: Introducing artists for an art exhibition

Interactive Activity 4: Categorize the introduction sentences and begin the writing.

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Directions: Put the introductions to Michael Jackson into proper categories.

Michael Jackson

1. Michael Jackson was a singer in America.
2. His contribution to music and dance made him a global figure.
3. In 1985 Jackson wrote “We Are the World” for an all-star charity performance project aimed at drawing the world wide attention to *famine* (饥荒) relief in Africa.
4. Jackson won hundreds of awards.
5. Michael Jackson could put rock, pop, R&B and hip-hop music together.
6. As a songwriter, Jackson was able to compose at an impressive rate.
7. He was the "Artist of the Century".
8. He was also a dancer and songwriter.
9. Jackson is not only successful but also hardworking, talented and productive.
10. Jackson gave the name to his dance techniques as the robot and the moonwalk.

Categories		Brief introduction (the numbers attached)
Artist	Occupation	1,8
	Quality	6,9
	Influence (including honor, award & comments)	2,4,7
Art works	Subject or Message	3
	Artistic style	5
	Art form	10

Interactive Activity 5: Improve a sample general statement for the introduction to Michael Jackson.

Food for thought: Is the following a good general statement?

Michael Jackson was a singer in America. He was also a dancer and a songwriter.

Your improved statement:

For reference:

As “Artist of the Century”, Michael Jackson was not only recognized as a distinguished and productive singer, but also a talented dancer and songwriter.

Interactive Activity 6: Improve the introduction to Michael Jackson in groups with the help of the checklist.

Michael Jackson was a singer, dancer, and songwriter. Through stage performances and music videos,

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Jackson popularized a number of dance techniques. Michael Jackson could put rock, pop, R&B and hip-hop music together. Jackson won hundreds of awards. He was the "Artist of the Century".

Your modified Version:

Checklist

- Does it have the general statement?
- Is the general statement brief and informative ?
- Does it have all the supporting details in accordance with the aspects in the general statement?
- Does it contain many descriptive adjectives, noun expressions or vivid verbs?
- Does it require any improvement in sentence structures or transitional words ?

Additional reference facts for sample modifying:

- ◆ He was referred to as the King of Pop.
- ◆ Jackson is recognized as the most successful entertainer of all time by Guinness World Records.
- ◆ Throughout his life, Jackson released large numbers of albums including about 468 songs.
- ◆ The music videos for his songs included those of “Beat It”, “Thriller”, “Off the Wall”, “Bad” and “History” etc.
- ◆ Jackson won multiple Guinness World Records; 13 Grammy Awards, 26 American Music Awards .
- ◆ Jackson wrote the song “we are the world” in 1985 in only two and a half hours.

For Reference:

As “Artist of the Century”, Michael Jackson was not only recognized as a distinguished and productive singer, but also a talented dancer and songwriter. As for his talent in music, Michael Jackson had the unique ability to couple rock, pop, R&B with hip-hop music. Throughout his life, Jackson released large numbers of albums including about 468 songs, many of which gained popularity all over the world. Besides, through stage performances and music videos, Jackson popularized his special dance techniques, which he named as the “robot” and the “moonwalk”. Amazingly , Jackson managed to compose at such an impressive rate that it only took him two and a half hours to write the song “We are the world” in 1985.

III. Presenting and commenting: Making presentations and comments.

