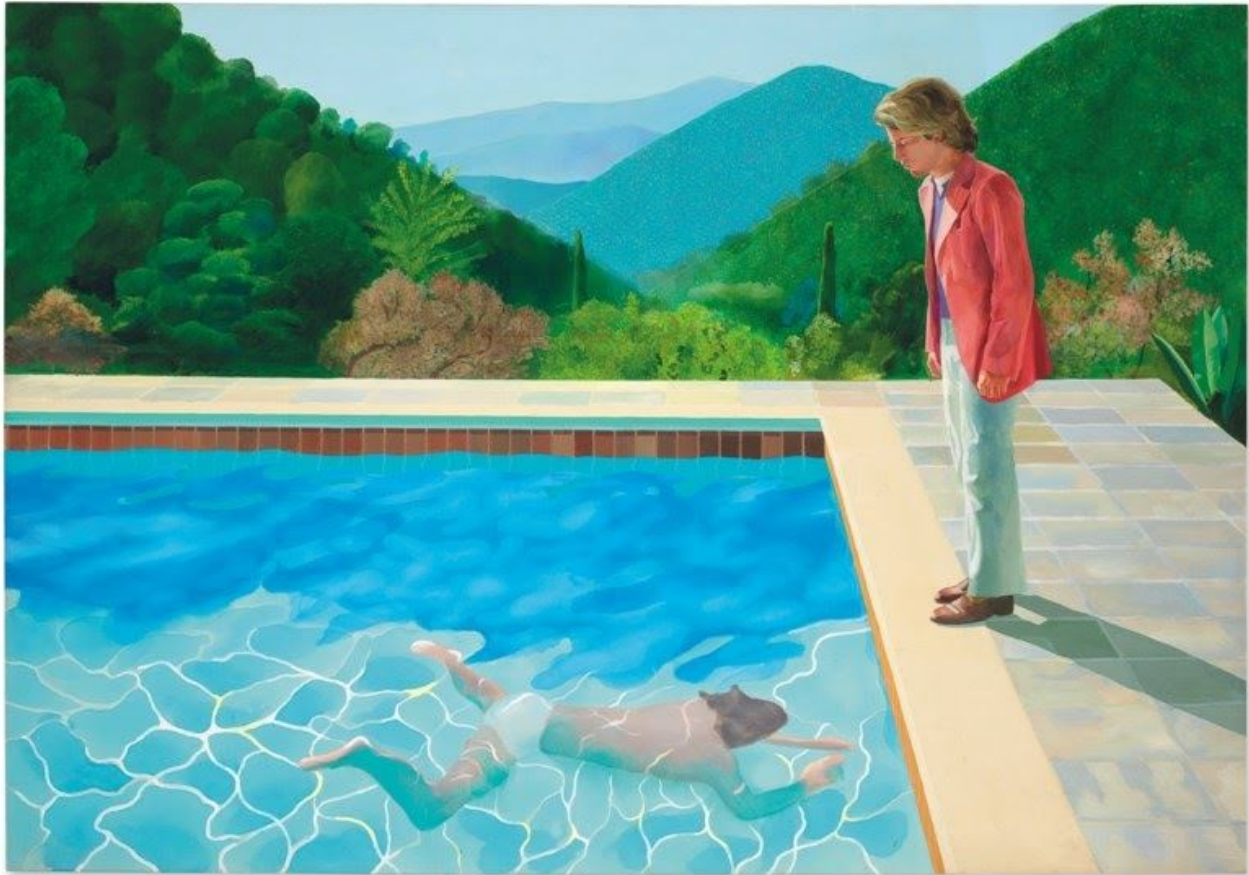


David Hockney Pools



David Hockney, Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures) 1972

Lesson Goal: To create a picture of yourself swimming in a swimming pool.

Artist Background Information: David Hockney was born in England in 1937 and is currently painting, making and exhibiting his artworks around the world, he is 82 years old!

You are going to focus on the figure in the pool and answer these questions:

- How do you think it feels to be in the water in the picture?
- How did the artist paint the water to make it look like it is moving?
- What pattern is on the surface of the water that creates movement?
- Have you ever swam like the guy in the picture?

Activity: Imagine how it feels to be in a swimming pool on a hot summer day. Think about how you would look in the water and lightly sketch out your figure first. Draw your arms and legs in swimming positions. Use drawing materials, watercolors, tempera paint to color your picture. If you don't have paint you can use Classic Crayola markers. They are water soluble and after you draw with them you can brush a bit of water on them and they will spread like watercolors. Finish your picture by putting light lines over the surface of the water to make it move.

Assessment: Show your picture to family members and save your picture so it can be put on display at school when we are back in our classrooms.