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## ENVIRONMENTAL ART

- Environmental art is artistic works that are meant to improve or become part of the environment or make a statement on environmental issues.

# ANDY GOLDSWORTHY



- Andy Goldsworthy is a British artist known for his site-specific (choosing a certain area that is best for his work) installations or sculptures made from natural materials which **symbolise** the passing of time.
- He works as a **sculptor** (creating 3D artworks from any material) and a photographer.
- Goldsworthy makes his sculptures out of rocks, ice, leaves, or branches. He knows that the landscape will change, and his work will **eventually disappear**. He takes photos to keep a record of his work.
- He said, "It's not about art, it's just about life and the need to understand that a lot of things in life **do not last**."
- Born on July 29, 1956 in Cheshire, United Kingdom, the artist spent his teenage years working as a farm labourer in the English countryside before going on to study art at Bradford College of Art and later Preston Polytechnic. In 1985, the artist moved to Scotland and currently lives and works in Dumfriesshire.

# ANDY GOLDSWORTHY'S SCULPTURES AND INSTALLATIONS



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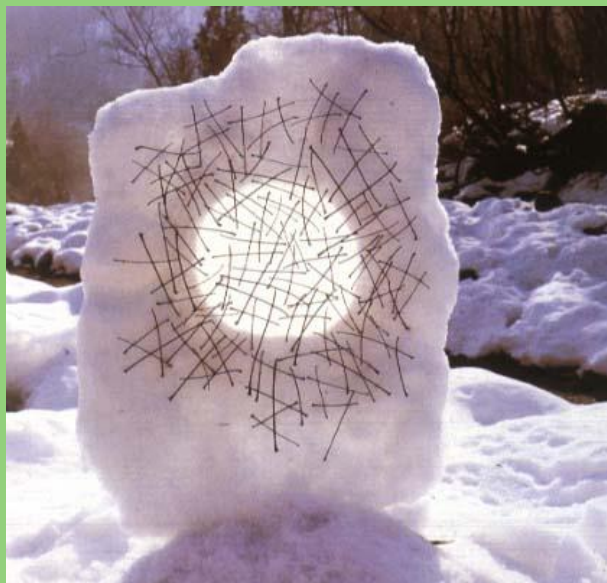
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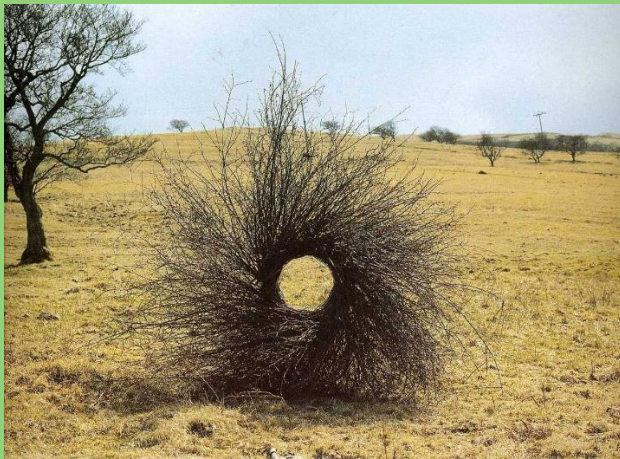




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**TASK 1** – Answer the questions about Andy Goldsworthy’s work.

1. What is environmental art?
2. What kind of artist is Goldsworthy?
3. What do Goldsworthy’s sculptures symbolise? How does his work show this?
4. Which piece of work do you like best from the images above (photos are numbered)? Write down **why** you like it.

**TASK 2** – Create your own work inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. You can make it outside or in your house. Your work should have an **environmental theme**. You might have your own theme idea but here are some ideas if you are not sure:

- Go Green - Recycle
- Save the Bees
- Protect Our Rainforests
- Save Water
- Plant More Trees
- Save Energy
- Global Warming
- Protect Sealife
- Reduce Pollution – Walk or Cycle

**You can create a piece of work from any material you like. Here is a list of ideas:**

- Leaves, twigs, stones, grass, flowers, earth, sand...anything natural!
- You could freeze bags of water or use icecubes and create something – do this somewhere waterproof!
- You could use recycled materials like empty plastic bottles, cardboard boxes or toilet roll to create a sculpture. Or you could cut natural shapes from these to arrange or build with.
- You could use socks or other clothing to create something.

## IDEAS

Your work can be built up or laid out flat. If you are unsure what to do here are some ideas:

- Icecube cubes - Arrange in the shape of a snowy mountain OR a snowball OR an icicle OR an arctic animal if you can! Global warming would be a good theme. You could photograph it when you first make it and then when it melts showing what is happening to the ice in the Antarctic.
- Twigs and Leaves – Arrange into the shape of a tree or plant. Plant more Trees would be a good theme.
- Recycled plastic – Arrange in the shape of a sea animal or plant. Protect Sealife would be a good theme.
- Clothes – Use certain colours to make a large flower or bee. Save the Bees would be a good theme.