

Exploring art – Transcript

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[Dawn Layland, archivist, sat at a table with an old sketchbook]

In this section, we find out a little about the Record Office and think about what art is. The Record Office looks after archives, which are written records of the past. They include things like this [a sketchbook by a member of the Durham Light Infantry], made by a soldier during the First World War.

[Dawn opens the sketchbook]

These paintings he's done are amazing, and definitely art.

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[Still image of a painting from the sketchbook showing three army officers stood on top of a hill in the dark, overlooking a town by the sea, with ships in the distance]

[Dawn sat a table with an old map]

But we also have other archives like this. It's a map of the Durham Coalfield from 1843 when the county looked quite different. It's not designed to be art, it's designed to be a map.

[Still image of the whole map]

But it's lovely to look at. These colours are designed to make it clear

[Still image of a close-up of the map showing colours and border]

who owns which areas of land, but they also look really pretty together and it has this beautiful border.

[Dawn sat a table with a map]

This isn't just true of archives. Lots of ordinary household objects can be called art. You may have some really pretty plates or a really beautiful lamp. It doesn't matter it was made in a factory, the original design was still created by an artist.

See what art you can find around your house.

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