










## Colour Symbols Key

Use this key to help you unlock the meaning of the painting you are analysing.

<p><b>Red</b></p> 	<p>is energy, passion, love, desire, speed, strength, power, heat. It is the colour of blood and therefore is used to represent martyred saints - (MARTYR = a saint who has suffered and died a violent death for their faith.) Red is also used for the Holy Spirit, as He is represented by fire, and red vestments are worn at Pentecost. the colour of the sky, is symbolic of heaven. It represents peace, harmony, unity, confidence, trust. It also symbolises truth.</p>
<p><b>Yellow</b></p> 	<p>as the colour of light, can represent joy and hope. However, because yellow light is not pure white, it may also be used to symbolize cowardice, illness, dishonesty and deceit.</p>
<p><b>Green</b></p> 	<p>is the colour of plant life and spring-time. It is used to represent the triumph of life over death.</p>
<p><b>Blue,</b></p> 	<p>the colour of the sky, is symbolic of heaven. It represents peace, harmony, unity, confidence, trust. It also symbolises truth.</p>
<p><b>Purple</b></p> 	<p>is the colour for repentance and mourning, wisdom and transformation. It is also the colour of royalty, nobility, but also cruelty and arrogance. Purple is the colour of the priest's vestments during the seasons of Advent and Lent.</p>
<p><b>Brown</b></p> 	<p>is the colour of the earth, comforting and homely. However, it therefore also represents all things liable to decay, so is used to represent spiritual death, corruption, degradation and decomposition.</p>
<p><b>Grey</b></p> 	<p>is the colour of ash, so is sometimes used to represent repentance and may be used during Lent. Also modesty, maturity, security, reliability, old age.</p>
<p><b>Black</b></p> 	<p>is symbolic of sin, which results in death and is sometimes the colour worn by the priest wears for funerals and Good Friday Black can also represent power, sexuality, wealth, regret, anger, anonymity.</p>
<p><b>White</b></p> 	<p>is a symbol of purity, innocence, simplicity, holiness and youth. It is the colour for the Christmas and Easter seasons. White is sometimes represented by silver.</p>