Reading!

LO: To recall what i have learned about Georgia O'Keeffe.



Bo & Chia

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE'S CHOW CHOWS

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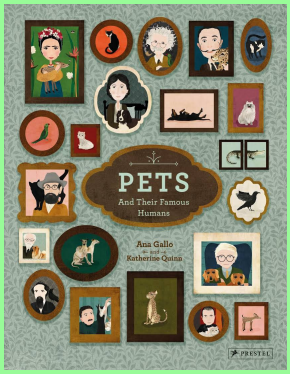
Shortly after she moved in, a neighbor thought the painter seemed a bit lonely and gave her two jet-black chow chow puppies—Bo and Chia. Georgia instantly fell in love. Whenever she went to paint in the desert or to the Cerro Pedernal mesa, which can be seen in many of her paintings, Bo and Chia were by her side. Her connection to the animals was very intense. Even as her friends died, she felt her best companions—Bo and Chia—were still with her. She talked about them in her letters to friends and family and was devoted to the needs of the "little people," as she called her chows. In 1972, she even became a member of the local Chow Chow Club.

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Recap: What text were we reading?

Brief outline of the text:

Georgia O'Keeffe is an American artist that we learned about in Art earlier in the year. She is famous for her beautiful paintings of flowers and landscapes. This text is an extract taken from "Pets and their famous owners" by Ana Gallo. This book tells you all about famous people, from the point of view of their pets.





Glossary:

1. pioneer - the first person to lead something, visit somewhere or begin something
2. skyscrapers - tall buildings like the empire state building and The Shard in london.
3. chow-chow - a small dog, that has fluffy thick fur
4. Cerro Pedernal mesa - an area of the desert in New Mexico
5. intense - strong and powerful



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