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## Can we use IT to create our own interpretation of Bradford in the style of L S Lowry?

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Laurence Stephen Lowry
1887-1976

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Read the text and answer the questions

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2. Where was he born? Where did his family move to?
3. Where did Lowry study?
4. What honour was bestowed upon Lowry after the Second World War?
5. What was Lowry's childhood like?
6. When did Lowry start to become more well-known as an artist?

## LS Lowry - biography and comprehension



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Laurence Stephen Lowry was a famous English painter. He was born on 1 November 1887, during the Victorian age. Lowry was born in a town in Manchester called Stretford.

### Early life

As a child, Lowry and his family lived in a more rural area outside the city of Manchester. Growing up, Lowry did not have many friends, was unpopular at school and was not close to his parents. It was an unhappy and lonely childhood. In 1909, Lowry and his parents moved to a more urban area, called Pendlebury, which had many factories and textiles mills. At first, Lowry did not like his new home, as he thought it was too busy and full of smoke. However, the more time he spent in the city, the more he grew to love it. The hustle and bustle of the people and the industrial landscape around him inspired Lowry to paint the activity he saw on a daily basis.

## Lowry's art



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As a child, Lowry had taken art classes, and after discovering his passion for painting the area and people around him, he went on to study at the Manchester School of Art and then Salford Royal Technical College in 1915. Although one of Lowry's paintings of London sold for over £5 million in 2011, when he first started painting, Lowry did not make enough money and so had to take on another job. He became a rent collector, but kept this job secret, so that nobody knew he wasn't making enough money as an artist. After a positive newspaper review, Lowry became more well-known and his artwork started selling for more money.

Lowry's artwork was different from that of other artists in the same period. His paintings showed life in an industrial textile town, and the figures in his paintings were called 'matchstick men', because of the way he painted them. Some of his most famous paintings include: *Industrial Landscape, Going to the Match, Coming from the Mill, The Viaduct and The Football Match*.

## Later life

During his life, Lowry was offered five honours from the Queen, including a knighthood, and rejected them all. As he neared retirement, Lowry spent more time at the seaside and many of his later paintings depict coastal scenes. In 1976 Lowry died from pneumonia at the age of 88. His paintings continue to inspire artists all over the world.

## Fascinating facts

- During the Second World War, Lowry was an official war artist (from 1943-1945) and painted different aspects of the war.
- In 1953, he was given the honour of being the Official Artist of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. He was one of a select few artists who had been chosen to create a painting to commemorate the special day.
- Lowry claims that he only ever used five colours: vermillion, black, white, Prussian blue and yellow ochre.
- There is an art gallery, called *The Lowry*, in Salford Quays which is named after him.
- Lowry was passionate about football and he was a keen supporter of Manchester City Football Club.
- At least two well-known songs have been inspired by the work of LS Lowry. They are *Pictures of Matchstick Men* by Status Quo and *Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs* by Brian and Michael.

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Share ppt on L S Lowry



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Creating the buildings



Use powerpoint to edit images.
Click on the image and select format image.

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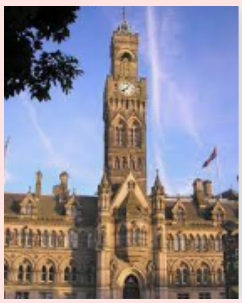
Use pictureformat/removebackground tools and adjust using mark areas to keep/mark areas to remove until you have the image you want.

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Creating the buildings

Work on images of Bradford's significant buildings.









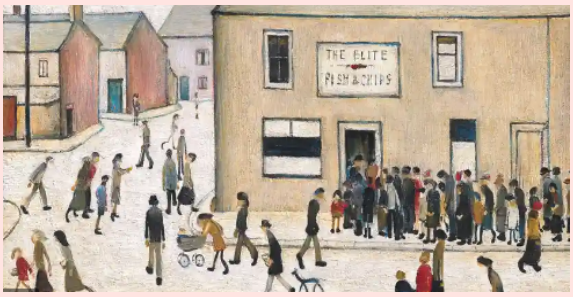
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Creating the figures

Take photos of each other in Lowryesque poses wearing suitable clothing.

Edit the images as before.






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Creating the interpretations

Create a suitable background using washes from the internet.





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Creating the interpretations

Import the buildings and figures.
Arrange using your knowledge of perspective to create your digital art work.

