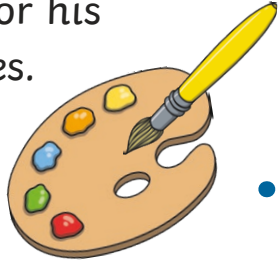


LS Lowry

Laurence Stephen Lowry was a British artist. He became famous for his landscape paintings of cities.



1887 - 1976



Becoming an Artist

- Lowry became a rent collector after finishing school.
- He went to art classes in the evenings.
- Lowry began studying at the Salford School of Art in 1915.
- He took evening classes there for 10 years and developed his own painting style.

Early Life

- Lowry was born in 1887 in Stretford, England.
- His father worked in an office. His mother was a talented pianist.
- Lowry grew up in Manchester. He loved to draw as a child.
- The family moved to Pendlebury when he was 22.



'Going to Work', 1943

Artwork

- Many of Lowry's paintings show cities and towns.
- He was inspired by his local area.
- He used oil paints.
- His first paintings were very dark.
- He then started painting on white backgrounds.
- He became known for his 'matchstick men'. These were the tiny people he painted.

Legacy

Lowry died in 1976. An exhibition of his paintings was held in the Royal Academy. This had a record number of visitors for a British artist.