

American MASTERS

Georgia O'Keeffe: Mother of American Modernism



What We Learned:

- Georgia O'Keeffe was born in 1887 in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin and died at age 98 in 1986.
- She studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Art Students League in New York.
- O'Keeffe was influenced by precisionism and abstract art, but her style was unique.
- She is known for her distinct flowers, dramatic cityscapes, glowing landscapes, and images of bones against a desert sky.

Art Activity: Poppy Flower

Georgia liked painting flowers magnified and colorful. Here is her painting entitled *Red Poppy*, 1927. The students made bright, red poppy flowers using a template and tissue paper squares.



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Georgia O'Keeffe
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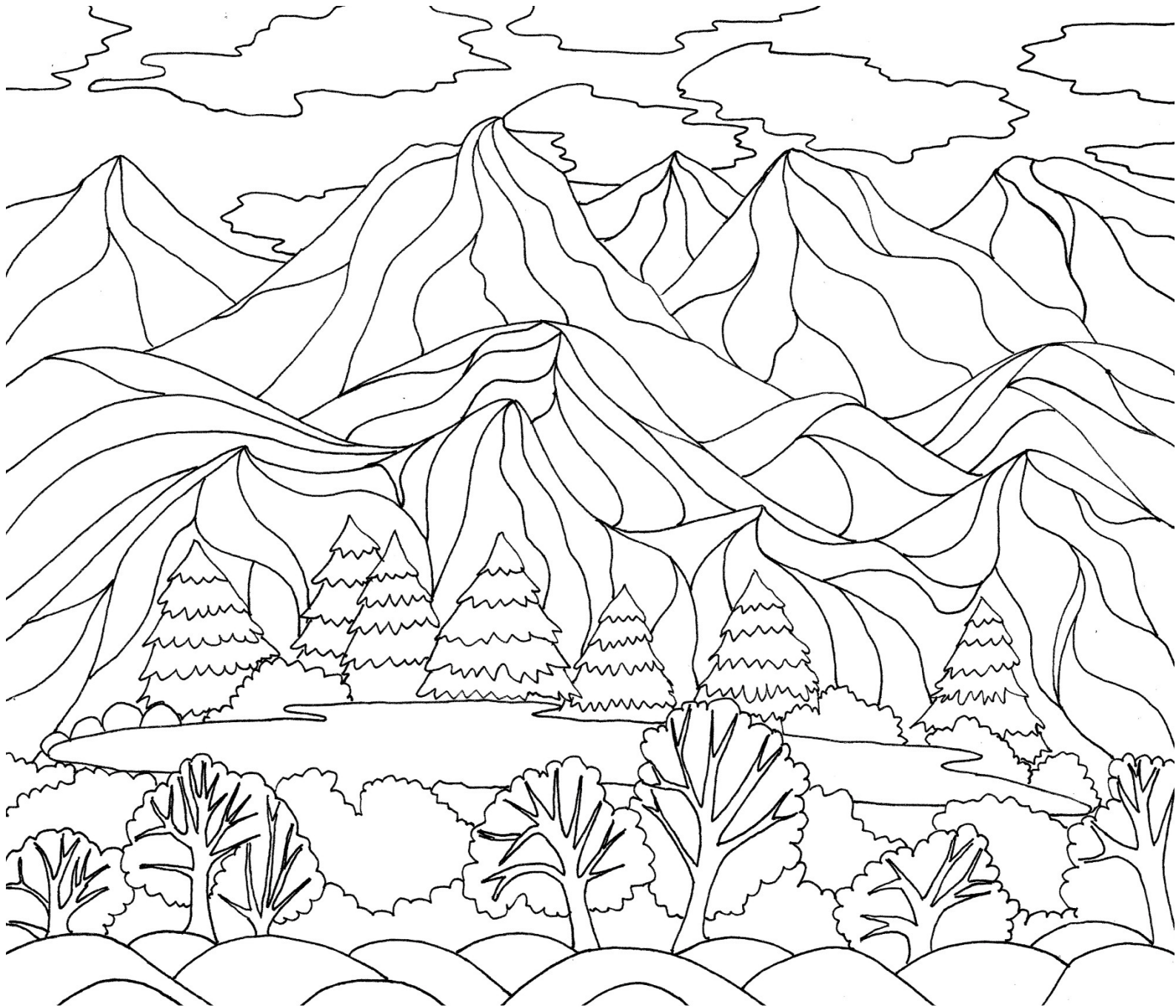


Georgia O'Keeffe: She Saw the World in a Flower
By Gabrielle Balkan



Landscape Coloring

Use bright colors like Georgia O'Keeffe used for her landscapes to color this image. She especially loved painting landscapes from the places she knew—like the wheat fields of Wisconsin to the desert scenes of New Mexico. O'Keeffe's landscapes are abstract and impressionistic. Her paintings capture nature as she saw it.



For Parents:

Georgia O'Keeffe spent the first 15 years of her life on a dairy farm in Wisconsin. She would later move to New York City, spend much of her time in New Mexico, and eventually travel the world. Each of these places would influence her art. She knew she wanted to be an artist at a young age, but in the early 1900s women were expected to only teach art. Georgia did teach art at several different colleges while continuing her own art education. When she was introduced to modern art, she started to develop her own style which was based on her view of the world and her feelings. O'Keeffe is known for her large, magnified flowers, dramatic cityscapes, colorful landscapes, and images of bones with desert backgrounds. Her art became popular during her lifetime, and her works were exhibited at many well-known art museums and galleries. Georgia O'Keeffe is known as the "Mother of American Modernism."

Additional Resources

To learn more about Georgia O'Keeffe, click on the links below:

- For learning all things O'Keeffe make plans to visit the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in New Mexico. Learn more about her and the museum collection here:
[The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum \(okeeffemuseum.org\)](http://okeeffemuseum.org)
- View a video, *Georgia O'Keeffe for Kids!*:
[Georgia O'Keeffe for Kids! | Art History for Kids \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkrv5uH2als)
- To view another short *Georgia O'Keeffe for Kids* video, click here:
[Georgia O'Keeffe for Kids \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkrv5uH2als)
- To read interesting information about O'Keeffe and to see many of her paintings, go to:
[Georgia O'Keeffe Facts for Kids \(kiddle.co\)](http://kiddle.co)
- To make another Georgia O'Keeffe flower watch the video, Georgia O'Keeffe Flowers:
[Artbx.org Presents Georgia O'Keeffe flowers \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkrv5uH2als)
- For the read aloud book, *My Name Is Georgia*, go to this link:
[My Name is Georgia \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kkrv5uH2als)
- For the read aloud book, *Georgia O'Keeffe*, go to this link:
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