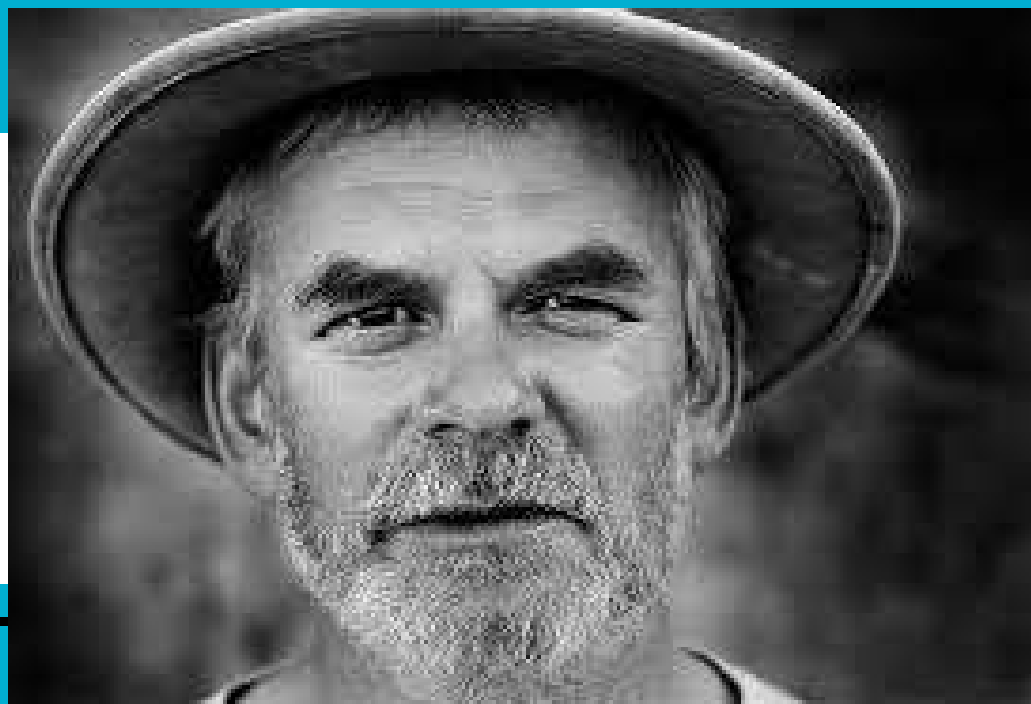


Andy Goldsworthy

Environmental Artist and Photographer



Andy Goldsworthy

- Born in July 1956 in England
- He is 63 years old
- He currently lives and works in Scotland

- One of his famous rock pieces:



Environmental Art

Definition: Artistic work that is intended to enhance or become part of the environment or make a statement on environmental issues.

- Art created directly in the landscape and made with natural materials, such as rocks, leaves, sticks, flowers, water, snow, mud, pinecones, etc.

Also known as “Earth Art”, “Eco-Art”, and “Land Art”.

Environmental Artists

- Environmental artists are aware that the landscape will change over time with the seasons and weather.
- Although some environmental art creations are long-lasting, most are temporary and degrade over time.
- **Ephemeral Art:** An artistic creation that is transitory and exists only briefly.

“It's not about art, it's just about life and the need to understand that a lot of things in life do not last.”

Andy Goldsworthy



Photography

- Andy Goldsworthy is also a photographer.
- He documents his temporary “ephemeral” creations in nature with photography.
- Photographs tell the *story* of his artwork.





‘He shows respect for nature and the environment when creating his artwork by only using things that he finds in nature; that way he can leave his artwork the way it is without any damage being done to the environment around it’.



Please watch this video of him creating Rain Shadow



"Each work grows, stays, decays – integral parts of a cycle which the photograph shows at its heights, marking the moment when the work is most alive".





What materials does he use to create his art?

“I enjoy the freedom of just using my hands and ‘found’ tools—a sharp stone, the quill of a feather, thorns”.



Goldsworthy is generally considered the founder of modern rock balancing.





Andy Goldsworthy is also considered a sculptor



“Stone River”

One of Andy Goldsworthy's large-scale, more permanent pieces.

At Stanford University in California





“Earth Wall”

- Located in San Francisco
- Made out of eucalyptus branches and clay

Please watch this Earth Wall video



Questions

1. What type of art does Andy Goldsworthy create?
2. What is one way he shows respect to nature in his artwork?
3. Define 'ephemeral art'
4. Why does he photograph most of his work?
5. How did he create "Rain Shadow"?
6. Does Andy Goldsworthy inspire you? Why or why not?

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