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Techniques:

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Printing	An artistic process where a design is made on a surface
Matrix	The first surface that is used when creating a print
Relief	A technique that allows a print to be repeated by creating a design on a surface and then stamping that onto paper
Monoprint	A technique where a print can only be produced once
Palette	The range of colours used in a particular artwork
Contrast	The difference between shades or tints that makes elements in artwork stand out
Proportion	The relationship in size between one thing and another

Learning Questions

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Why is printmaking used?

Name an artist that uses printmaking

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