

Sean Scully : Body of Light

Pre visit worksheet for Secondary Students

The Artist

Where and when was Sean Scully born?

When did he settle in New York?

Where does he work now?

Read Scully's comments on The role of painting in society. What does he state he can 'contain' in his painting?

Read Scully's comments on spirituality in art. What does Rothko's art satisfy for Scully?

The Art

What materials does Scully use to make his paintings?

What places in the USA inspired Bigland?

Look at San Domingo for Nene and list the architectural elements common to both Scully's photography and painting.

What processes does Scully use to create the complex textured surfaces in his paintings?

Look at all the works of art displayed under 'Gallery'. Find two works that show different design formats.

Look at Durango. Why do you think he made it in three pieces?

How does Scully reference the work of Matisse and Mondrian in his own art?

What inspires Sean Scully to make his paintings?