

# DRAWING TO MUSIC:

## *Sunlight inspiration- Prelude op32 n5, Rachmaninoff*

**Interesting Fact:** The piece inspiring these sunset landscapes is a Prelude by Sergei Rachmaninoff. His music is always lyrical and full of emotion. This set of preludes was written in 1910. Each of them, short as they are, is a world of its own.

**Discussion Points:** This piece inspired our artist to draw some sunset landscapes. The warmth and beauty of sunsets have inspired many artists before. Can you think of other songs or works of art that talk about the sun or depict sunbathed landscapes?

**Listening Activity:** The melodies in the piece stand out against the calm swaying accompaniment like sunlight breaking through dawn. Listen carefully to the long melodies as they move above and below the swaying accompaniment.

### **Visual Activity:**

Painting your own sunset:

1. Notice which colours our artist uses and how the changes between colours are always gradual.
2. Try and find similar colours and arrange them dark to light to create your sunset palette.
3. Let go of trying to be realistic. Enjoy the subtleties between the colours and if you are using watercolours explore the natural shapes of the stains.

You can find the painting of the video and two more below for inspiration.





