

# Who Is Antony Gormley?

Antony Gormley is a British artist, known for his sculpture. His artwork features in many public places around the world.

- He was born in 1950, in London.
- He went to boarding school in Yorkshire.
- He studied art history at Cambridge University.
- He met his wife at art school.



Did You Know...?

Antony Gormley was the youngest of seven children in his family.

## Sculptures

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Antony's sculptures are mainly based on the body. He wraps parts of himself in cling-film (avoiding his face) and then covers this in clay to make a mould. Why do you think he avoids his face?

### **Talk About It**

Would you do this to make a sculpture?

### Did You Know...?

Antony won the Turner Prize in 1994. This is a very special award given to artists for new and interesting art.





Antony Gormley creates his sculptures to show the connection between humans and the space around them. He uses concrete, iron, clay and other materials for his work. His art uses the human body to express feelings and emotions. He wants the viewer to look at the human body in a different way.

**Talk About It**Can art make you feel different emotions?



# 'Bed', Antony Gormley 1980-1981



### Did You Know...?

Antony's first exhibition, called 'Bed', was in London in 1981.

It was a bed made entirely from bread!

# Angel of the North

#### Talk About It

Is this how you imagine an angel?

This is the Angel of the North, the most well-known of Antony Gormley's sculptures. It is in Gateshead, on top of a hill, next to the A1, which is a road that connects London and Edinburgh. It measures 20 metres tall, the same as the length of a cricket pitch, with a huge 54-metre wingspan. It is made from concrete, copper and steel.



#### Did You Know...?

The Angel of the North stands on a site that used to be a coal mine.

### Another Place

#### Talk About It

What could this sculpture be looking at?

This is one of 100 iron figures on Crosby Beach, near Southport. The figures are all made from a mould of the artist's body.

Antony wanted to show the connection between humans and nature.

#### Did You Know...?

Can you see the barnacles on the statue?
They are apparently the artist's favourite bit!



# Exposure



### Talk About It

What does this sculpture look like he is doing?

This sculpture is called Exposure, it is in Lelystad, the Netherlands. It took six years to build.

Antony has said that this sculpture is meant to react with the environment around it over a long period of time. With rising sea levels, Exposure will be slowly buried.

Did You Know...?

There are 2000 parts to this sculpture, including 5400 bolts.

# Virtual Reality

In 2019, Antony worked with Priyamvada Natarajan, a well-known astronomer.

An astronomer studies the stars and space.

Together they created a VR Experience called Lunatick.



This project allows the viewer to feel like they are travelling through space to the Moon and they can fly over its surface.

All the images are based on images from NASA.

Talk About It

How would it feel to see this?

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