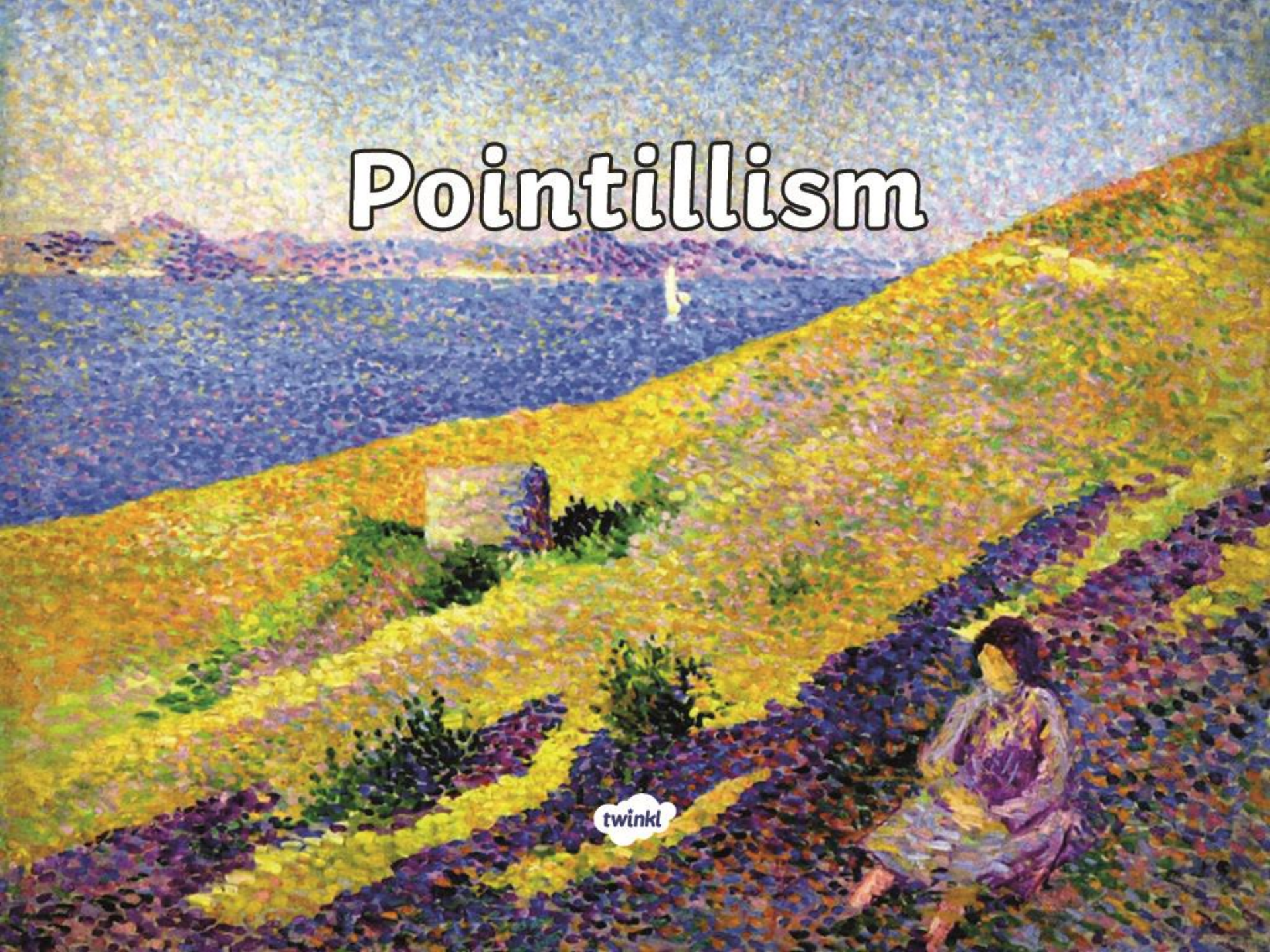
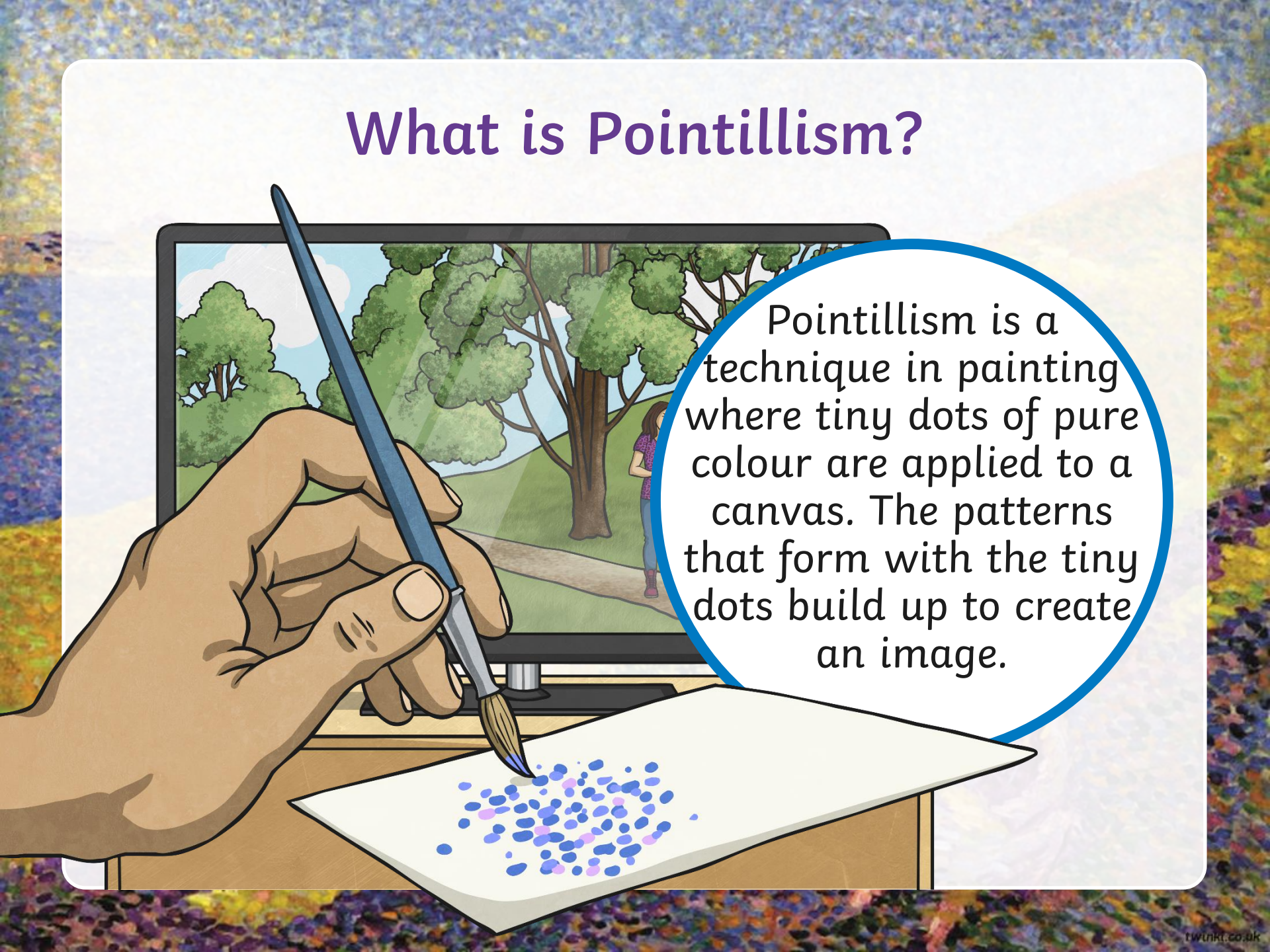


Pointillism



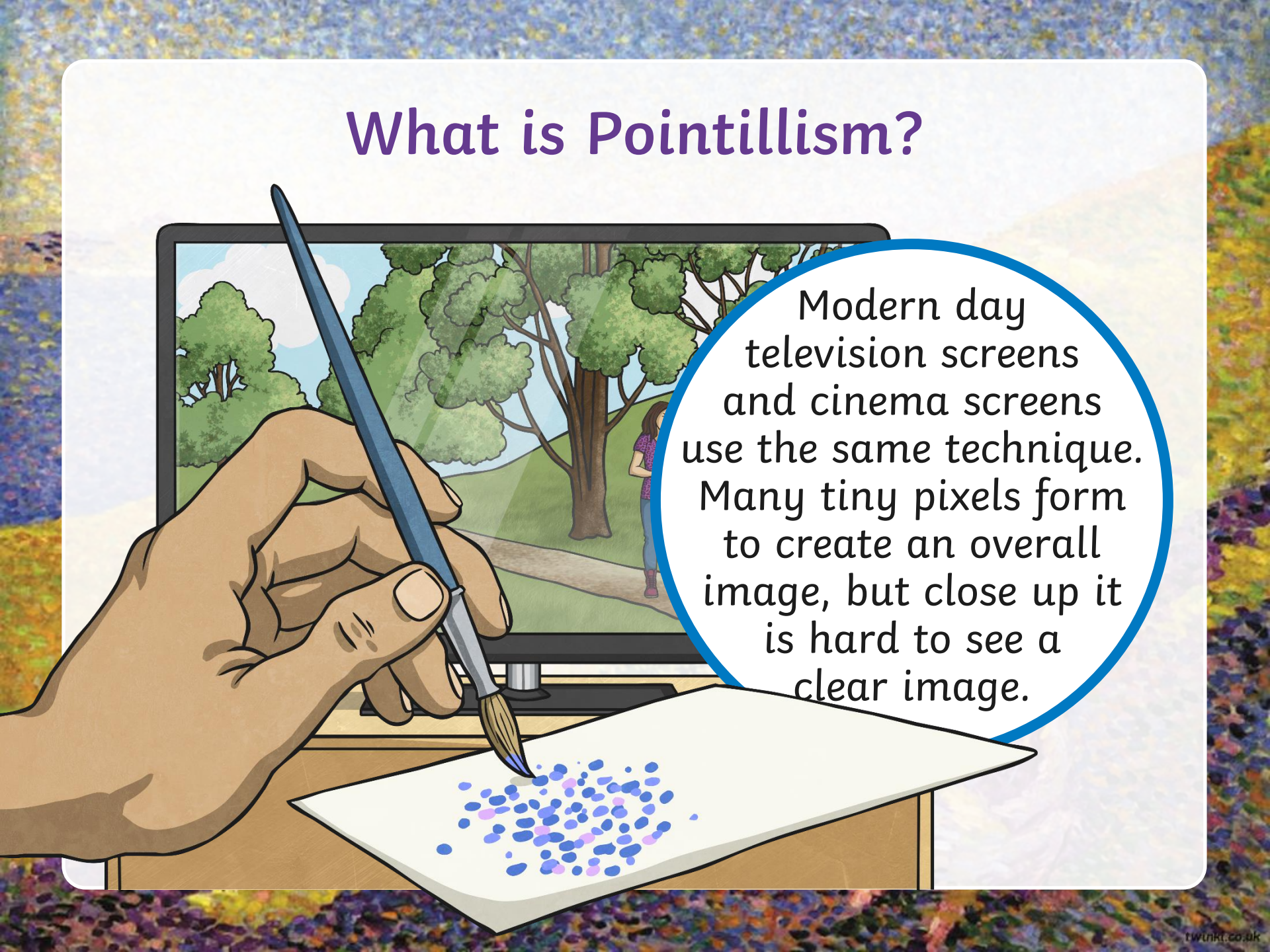
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What is Pointillism?



Pointillism is a technique in painting where tiny dots of pure colour are applied to a canvas. The patterns that form with the tiny dots build up to create an image.

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Modern day television screens and cinema screens use the same technique. Many tiny pixels form to create an overall image, but close up it is hard to see a clear image.

The Art of Science



Instead of the paint being blended and mixed on a palette, the paint is directly applied to the canvas. The fact that the dots are so close together cause the colours to appear blended.

This is the science of optics.

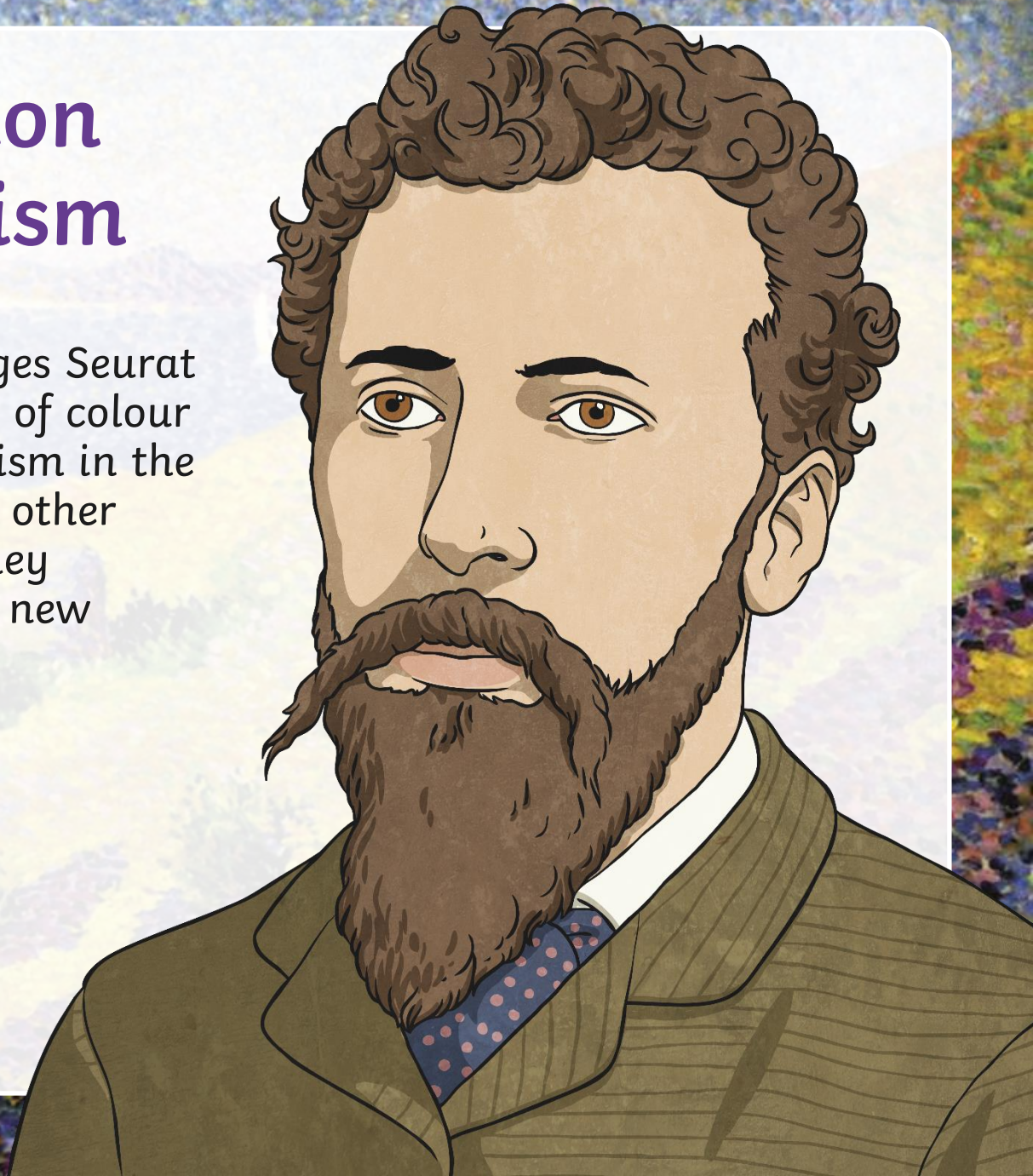
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Look carefully at the painting 'The Circus' by Georges Seurat. The dots are so close together, they seem to blur into different tones.

The Creation of Pointillism

The French artist Georges Seurat studied the application of colour and he created pointillism in the 1880s. He worked with other artists, and together they became known for this new artistic style.



A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte

Georges Seurat



Look carefully
to see the tiny
dots that
make up the
whole image.

In the Time of Harmony; the Golden Age is Not in the Past it is in the Future

Paul Signac

Signac loved the coast and often painted beach scenes.



Can you see any similarities with Seurat's painting?

Côte de la Citadelle

Maximillian Luce

Luce painted a wide range of different subjects, but mostly he painted landscapes.



Discuss how Luce creates a sense of perspective with a limited choice of colours.

The Harvest

Charles Angrand



Angrand was a great friend of Seurat and imitated his pointillist style.