

LISTENING COMPREHENSION: EARLY FORMS OF COLOUR PRINTING

Watch the videos about printmaking and early forms of colour printing, then answer the questionnaire.

- Lara Wallace, *History of Printmaking*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omJ96tJN3UE>
- Kaufmanarts, *What is Printmaking?*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRSWYefbdSM>
- Shoshana Burgett, *Chromolithography at the Museum of Printing*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7J92N1W7Kb0>
- Lindsey Cardon, *Chromolithography - Art History*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlvOQ3doCIU>
- Kate Fultz Hollis, *Book Illustration II Lithographs*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYTDCi22O3Y>

QUESTIONNAIRE

Activity 1. Say if the sentences are **True (T)** or **False (F)**.

- 1) Printed books were invented in Asia more than 500 years ago.
- 2) The earliest printed illustrations were made using carved wood blocks to transfer images onto paper (woodblock printing).
- 3) Engraving and etching are printmaking techniques that use metal plates to transfer images onto paper.
- 4) In printmaking, an edition is a number of prints struck from one plate, usually at the same time.
- 5) Lithography is a printing method that requires a porous limestone that is found in many places all around the world.
- 6) Limestone from Bavaria, in Germany, is excellent for lithography.
- 7) Lithography and chromolithography are examples of relief printmaking.
- 8) Lithography was invented by Alois Senefelder in 1747.
- 9) Lithography was invented to print music scores.
- 10) Lithography can produce larger press runs (number of prints) than intaglio printing techniques (engraving, etching, etc...).
- 11) Lithography and chromolithography can reproduce text and images.
- 12) Lithography requires thinner and glossier paper than letterpress or intaglio printing.
- 13) Chromolithography can use up to 10 stones to create a print, one for each colour or detail.
- 14) A single chromolithograph edition can take months to produce.
- 15) Scraps are small, collectible chromolithographs.
- 16) Scraps were used as promotional materials, as a form of advertisement.

17) Chromolithography uses the CMYK process to reproduce photorealistic colour.

18) In the 19th century, chromolithography was a popular choice to illustrate books and magazines.

19) Chromolithography was also used in product labelling and packaging, advertising and home decoration.

20) Louis Prang was famous by his chromolithograph designs, for example Christmas Cards.

21) Good quality chromolithographs were time-consuming, expensive and difficult to create.

22) Offset and Digital printing superseded lithography in commercial publishing.

23) Chromolithography is still used nowadays, to create limited editions of works of art.

24) Silk Screen Printing (“screen printing”) does not require a printing press.

25) With screen printing, you can transfer a design onto almost any surface.

Activity 2. Complete the text with the words and expressions.

Chromolithography • Illustrations • Inked • Intaglio • Lithography • Metal • Relief • Repulsion • Woodblock

Before printmaking techniques were invented, book and text _____ (1) were painted and decorated by hand. _____ (2) Printing is the oldest form of printmaking. It is a _____ (3) process in which sharp tools are used to cut away areas of a wooden block. The result is a raised surface that leaves a mark when _____ (4) and pressed onto paper or a similar printing substrate. _____ (5) Printing is the opposite: the image to be printed is below the surface of the plate, which is usually made of _____ (6) (copper, for example).

_____ (7) is a printmaking technique that involves drawing directly onto a smooth, flat surface, usually limestone. The printed image is created using a chemical process based on the mutual _____ (8) of oil and water. You can print high quality colour prints by using several stones in sequence, one for each colour or detail. This is called _____ (9)

Activity 3. Match the printmaking techniques with the pictures.

Intaglio Printing • Lithography • Relief Printing • Screen Printing

