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**INSPIRED BY POEMS**

Find this tiny drawing (part of a group)

The Pre-Raphaelites loved to draw pictures of poems they liked, especially poems set long ago. These are illustrations for a book of poems by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Now it’s your turn. Which of these verses from poems would you like to illustrate?

**Tennyson’s poem ‘The Lady of Shallot’**

By the island in the river
Flowing down to Camelot.
Four grey walls, and four grey towers,
Overlook a space of flowers

**Weird goblins from Christina Rossetti’s poem ‘Goblin Market’**

One had a cat’s face,
One whisk’d a tail,
One tramp’d at a rat’s pace,
One crawl’d like a snail.

**THE NATURAL WORLD**

Find this painting

The Pre-Raphaelites often looked to nature for inspiration, concentrating on capturing lots of tiny details. They liked to make art outside, and not draw plants from their imagination.

Now find some more nature pictures in this gallery.

**LOOK CLOSER AT THE IMAGE OF THE LEAF ABOVE. FILL IN THE LEAF SHAPE, ADDING AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE TO YOUR DRAWING.**

You’ve finished. Well done! You are all set to join the Pre-Raphaelites!

**FAMILIES**

PRE-ROMAVELES

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Family Trail

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1 Family of Friends
Find this drawing

The Pre-Raphaelite artists were friends and enjoyed making drawings of each other. They spent time together, sharing their ideas, and supporting one another, especially when some people said they didn’t like their paintings. Draw a portrait of someone you are with today and put in some clues about their personality.

Who would you choose to have in your family of friends? Don’t forget your pets. Draw them in the frame below.

2 Inspired by Stories
Find this print

Pre-Raphaelite artists often turned to stories from history, and even fairy tales for ideas.

Have a close look at this drawing of a lady and knight. We don’t know the story...

Go into the second gallery

3 Reverie
Find this drawing

This shows one of the Pre-Raphaelite’s favourite models. Her name was Jane Burden. Look at her expression. This is unusual as portraits of Victorian women often showed them shyly looking down. Why do you think that was?

Circle the words which best describe how she is feeling and add a word of your own

Go into the third gallery