



Key Vocabulary:

Mehndi	Paste from the henna plant to make designs on the skin.
Symmetry	The quality of being made up of exactly similar parts facing each other or around an axis.
Block printing	To print (something, such as a book) from hand-cut wooden blocks.
Mural	A painting or other work of art executed directly on a wall.
Rangoli	Traditional Indian decoration and patterns made with ground rice, particularly during festivals.
Diwali	A Hindu festival with lights.
Primary colours	Red, blue and yellow.

Indian Art



Mehndi Designs:

Mehndi is a form of body art and temporary skin decoration usually drawn on hands or legs.



Examples of famous Indian Art:



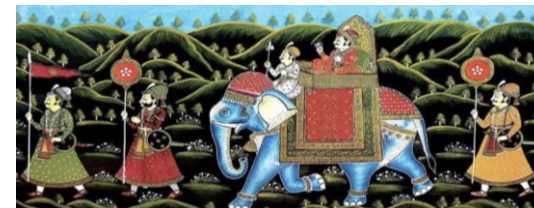
Madhubani - form of wall art



Warli - closely linked with nature and social rituals of the Warli tribes.



Tanjore - paintings of mostly Hindu Gods, Goddesses and Saints.



Phad - captures the stories of local deities and heroes painted on cloth scrolls.

Did you know?

- India is the birthplace of many unique styles of art and architecture.
- The painting tools used by pre-historic men were very basic, they used wooden sticks made from tree branches, or paintbrushes made of bones and animal hair.
- Bhimbetka caves, found in Madhya Pradesh, are the finest example of prehistoric cave paintings and murals.