

Hello, students in upper secondary education!

Welcome to the Gallen-Kallela Museum!

In this exhibition, you will watch a video titled “The Art of Akseli Gallen-Kallela and Tarvaspää” (Akseli Gallen-Kallelan taide ja Tarvaspää).

Akseli Gallen-Kallela was a Finnish painter.

He was born in 1865 and died in 1931.

Gallen-Kallela did a lot of paintings, whose subject was nature and the Kalevala.

The Kalevala is the national epic of Finland. It is made up of 50 poems.

The poems tell the story of, for example, ancient Finnish heroes and gods.

Finns are especially fond of Gallen-Kallela’s paintings about the Kalevala.

Assignments

We have come up with two assignments for you based on the video.

The assignments will teach you how to express your opinion.

Do the first assignment (the pre-assignment) before you watch the video.

Do the second assignment (the follow-up assignment) after you watch the video.

You can do the assignments alone or with a friend.

Assignment 1 / Pre-assignment

Do this assignment before you watch the video.

1. What do you think of the painter Akseli Gallen-Kallela and his art?
 - Did you already know about him or not?

2. Write what you think about nature?

- You can write, for example:
 - Have you spent any time in nature?
 - Do you have any special memories involving nature?

Assignment 2 / Follow-up assignment

Do this assignment after you watch the video.

Write your opinion on the following questions:

1. What kinds of things does the art of Akseli Gallen-Kallela bring to mind?
 - How did you think the paintings looked?
2. The video mentioned yard activities.
 - Write what you think about yard activities.
 - What would you like to do in the museum yard?
3. In your opinion, how do you think museums can help with people's well-being?

What would you like to do in the museum?