

## Knowledge Organiser- Year 3 Study of a Local Artist- Joseph Wright-Enlightenment

Facts
Joseph Wright (1734–97). Painter, known as <b>Wright of Derby</b>
Earned a living as a portrait painter though he painted landscapes too
Experimented with the effects of light
1770s he travelled in Italy,
His paintings of early science in the English Midlands, show the Age of Enlightenment.
Born in Irongate, Derby to a respectable family of lawyers
Wright and his wife had six children, three of whom died in infancy
Best in his candlelit subjects - <i>Three Persons Viewing the Gladiator by Candlelight</i> (1765), <i>A Philosopher Lecturing on the Orrery</i> (1766), and <i>An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump</i>
He was a member of The Lunar Society



This half term Year 3 will be studying **A Local Artist-**  
**Wright of Derby.**

### Technical Vocabulary

- Light source- processes that emit light.
- Philosopher- a thinker, a theorist
- Lunar- relating to the moon
- Enlightenment- understanding, awareness, wisdom
- Illuminate- cast light upon
- Silhouette- dark shape against a brighter background
- Wash- brush with a thin coat of dilute paint or ink
- Sunset, sunrise, dusk, dawn.