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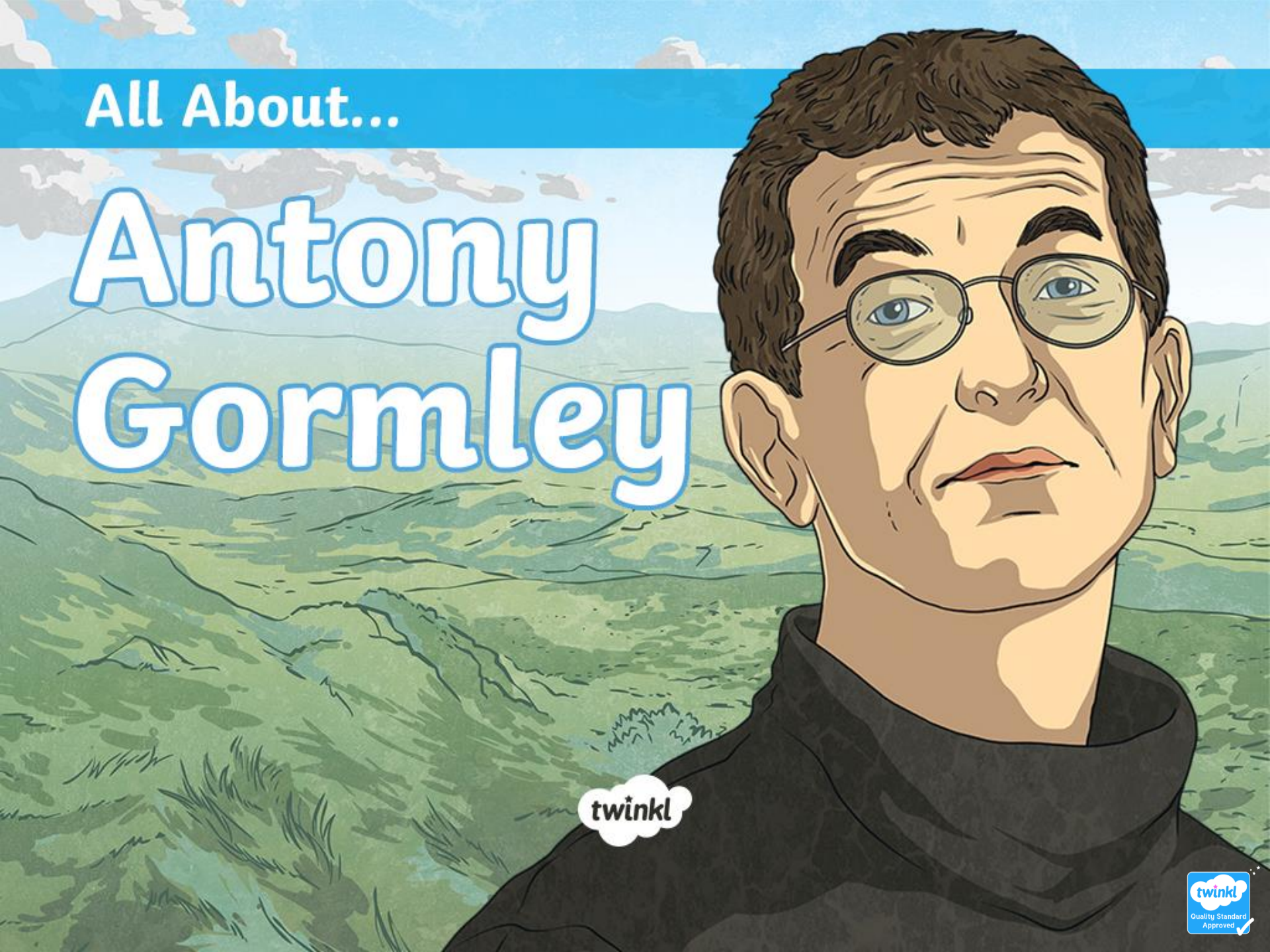
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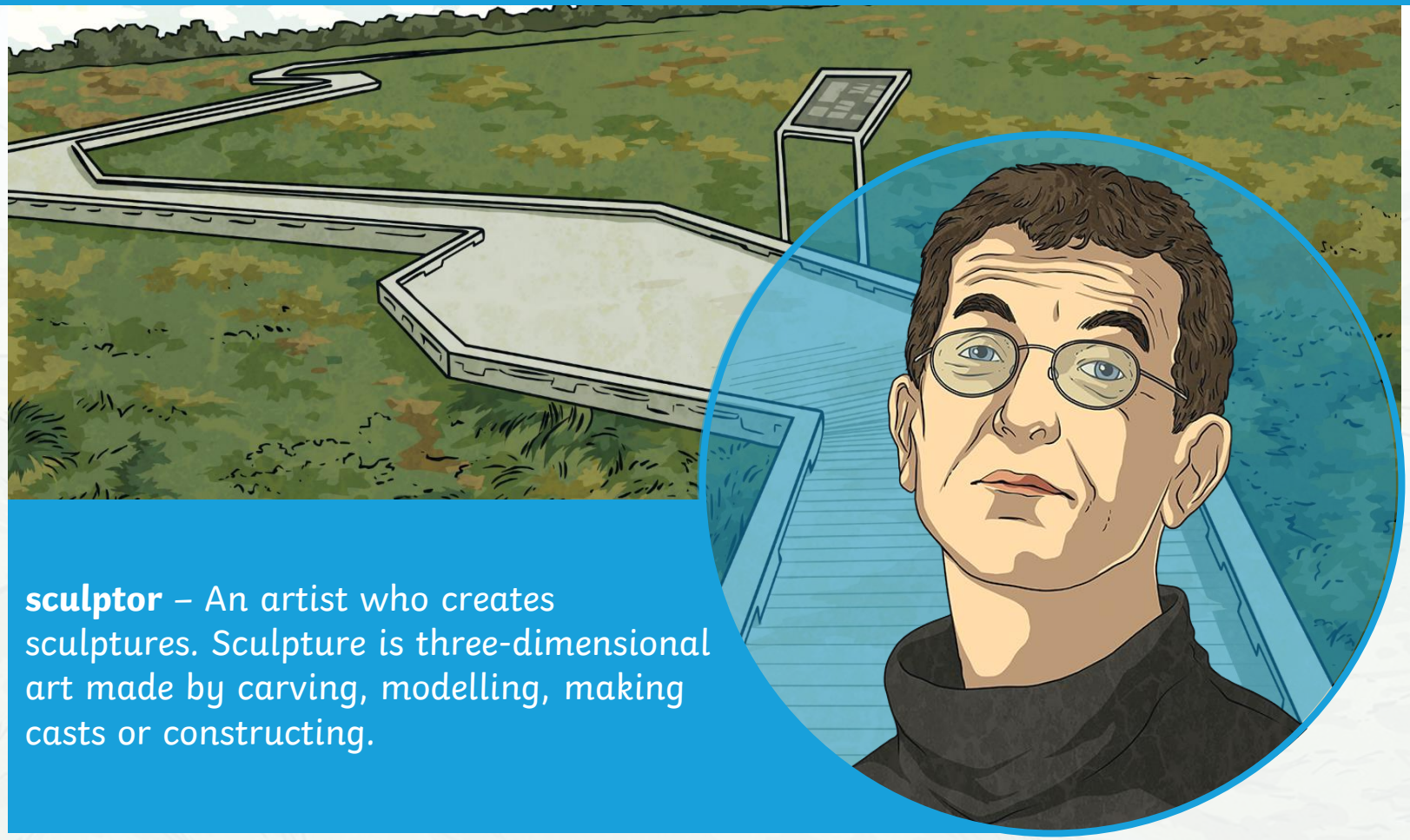
All About...

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sculptor – An artist who creates sculptures. Sculpture is three-dimensional art made by carving, modelling, making casts or constructing.

Antony Gormley

Antony is married to the artist Vicken Parsons. They have three children: Ivo, Paloma and Guy.

In 1994, Antony won the Turner Prize, one of the most important awards in art. In 1997, he was given an OBE (Order of the British Empire) and in 2004 he was given a knighthood. This means his full title is Sir Antony Gormley, OBE, and his wife's title is Vicken Parsons, Lady Gormley.

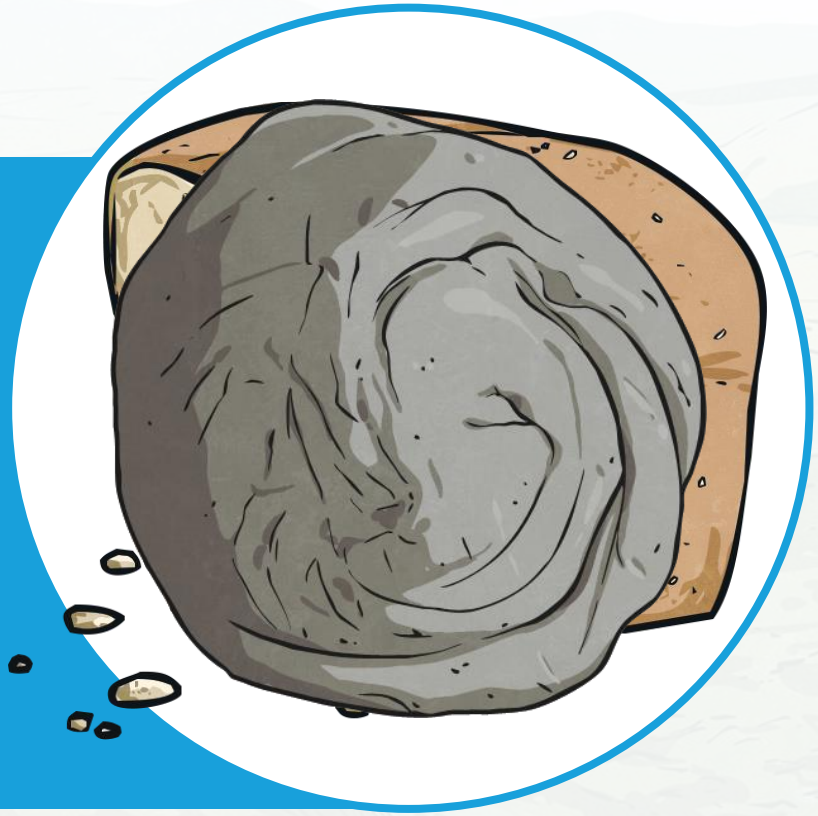
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If you won an award, what do you think it would be for?



Antony Gormley's Sculpture

Antony's sculptures are mainly based on the human body.

Many of Antony's sculptures are based on his own body. He makes casts of his body to create the shape. He does this by wrapping parts of himself in cling-film (avoiding his face) and then covering this in a quick-drying material, such as clay. Once the material is dried, it is cut in half. This is then used as a mould for Antony to fill with different materials to create body shapes.



The Angel of the North, 1998

This is one of Antony Gormley's most famous sculptures. It is on the top of a hill next to the A1 in Gateshead and can be seen by millions of drivers and passengers every year.

It is 20 metres high and its wingspan is 54 metres. It weighs 200 tonnes. Underneath the hill are concrete piles 20 metres deep to keep the angel in place.



Did You Know?
The angel's wingspan is the same size as that of a jumbo jet plane!

Exposure, 2010

This sculpture is in the Netherlands.

It is 26 metres tall, although if the figure was standing up, it would be over 100 metres. It weighs 60 tonnes.

The different lengths of metal were made by a company that usually makes pylons (the tall structures that hold up electrical wires). Each piece was cut by hand.

'Exposure' took 6 years to build



Did You Know?
Some people say it looks like the figure is sat on the toilet!

Another Place, 1997

This isn't someone wading in the sea! This is one of the iron figures that makes up the piece called 'Another Place'.



Antony created the sculptures to explore humans' relationship with nature.

Did You Know?
Crosby Beach is a non-bathing beach and visitors are told not to try to swim out to the figures.





















Your task

Study photographs taken at different times and tides and think about the sculpture's effect and impact.
Give reasons why you think the artist chose cast iron for his sculpture and talk about the current and long-term effects that the sea will have on the figures.
Compare and contrast Another Place with Sean Henry's Couple in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea in Northumberland. Discuss your ideas about the meaning of the work and express your thoughts by writing a short review.

