

DRAWING IDEAS SHEET ISLANDS



Islands and the idea of islands have provided inspiration to artists, writers and composers for centuries. While islands such as the Hebrides, the Maldives and the Galapagos archipelago are as spectacular as they are diverse - not all islands are as they seem.

The Island of Buss appeared on maps of the Atlantic for hundreds of years having been incorrectly recorded by a cartographer. It never existed and eventually disappeared from records. Atlantis is another fictional island which looms large on our cultural imagination as a submerged civilization.

There are artificial islands such as the principality of Sealand in the North Sea and the 'Pacific Garbage Patch' made from man-made debris, floating and deadly. Sealand is an old WWII gun platform and although only 550 square metres, has its own royal family, passports and legal system.

All these islands; real, imagined and artificial can provide rich subject matter to work from. Can you invent an island, consider one mentioned on this sheet or draw one from memory as it rises out of the sea? Include as few or as many details as needed to create a sense of place.



Sea Mist by Jenny Richardson, 2015



Galapagos sketchbook by Daisy Richardson 2005