



Jackson Pollock (1912-1956) was an American painter famous for his 'action paintings.' He painted very large canvases. With the canvas lying on the floor of his studio, he would walk and move around allowing paint to drip down from a brush or a stick. Sometimes, the only time a brush touched the canvas was when the background colour was painted on.

Some people thought that watching him paint was like watching someone dance. Perhaps that is why Jackson Pollock's paintings are called action paintings.