Barbara Hepworth
1903–1975

Dame Barbara Hepworth is one of the most important figures in the development of abstract art in Britain.

Oval sculpture made in 1943 is typical of the smooth carved pierced forms that she was making in the 1930's and 40's. Up until 1939 she and her husband, Ben Nicholson, lived in Hampstead near to fellow sculptor Henry Moore. At the outbreak of war they moved to St Ives in Cornwall where her studio is now a museum.

Do some further research on Barbara Hepworth and then answer these two questions.

1. What technique did Hepworth typically use to make her work?
2. Would you describe the work of Barbara Hepworth as modern even though she died in 1975?