

# The Last Goodbye- Edith Birkin



Why do you think that this painting is called 'The Last Goodbye'?

Who do you think is saying goodbye?

Why do you think that Birkin has chosen to depict the figures in the painting in the way she has?

*"I evolved a pictorial language that enabled me to put my visions on canvas. It wasn't so much the cruelty or physical suffering that I wanted to record. Most of all, I wanted to show what it felt like to be a human being, in the starved, emaciated strange-looking body, forever being separated from loved ones".* Edith Birkin



Edith Birkin says that she evolved a 'pictorial language.'

What might this mean?



Birkin has used a strong contrast between colours in her painting. What colours has she used and why?



What might the colours in the painting symbolise?

Why is colour used differently in different parts of the painting?