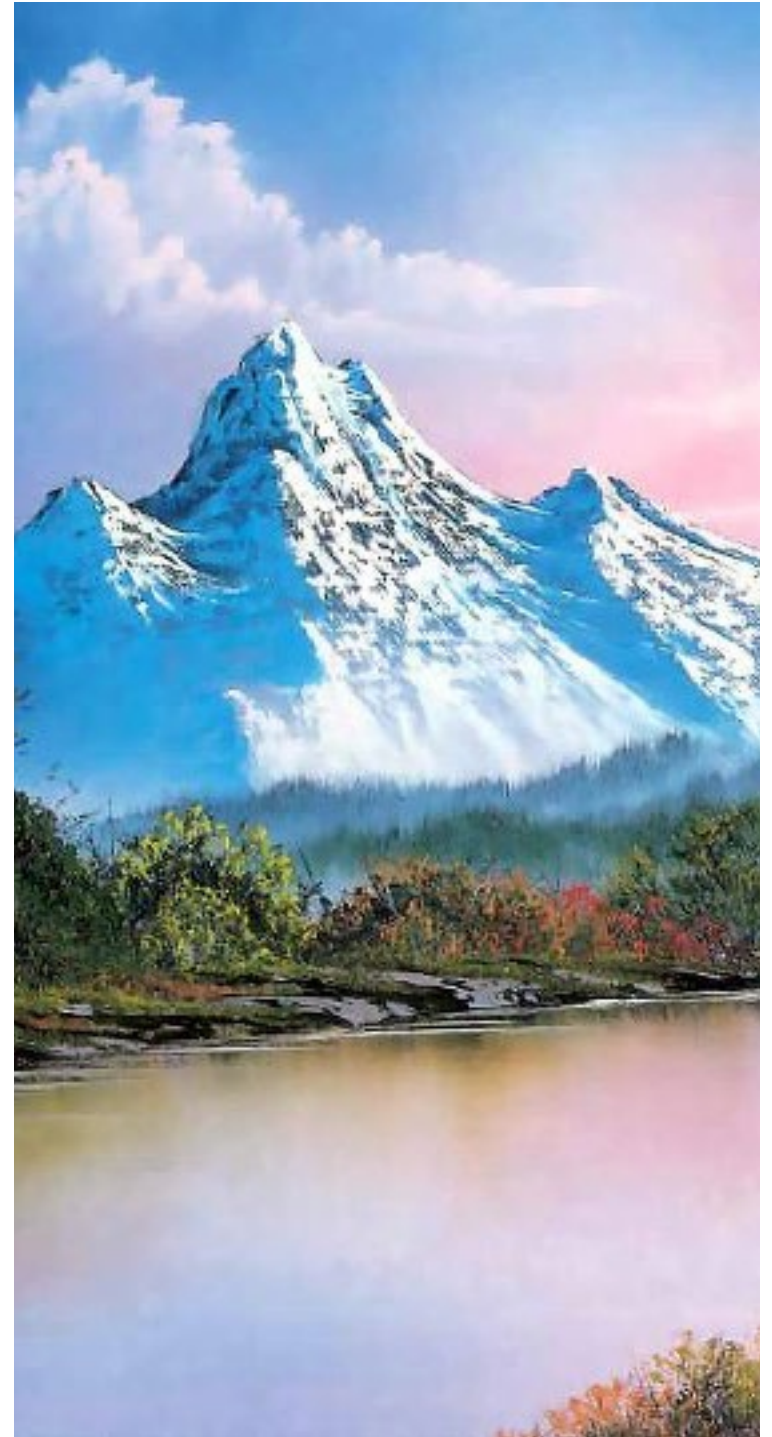


The Joy of Statistics

Bob Ross by David DiRocco



Over the course of 11 seasons, Bob Ross guided fans as he completed **381** paintings featuring “happy trees”, “fluffy clouds” and “almighty mountains” on his PBS show The Joy of Painting from 1983 to 1994.



One can recognize his paintings by the many repeating elements: mountains, evergreens, bodies of water, cabin, bushes, sunsets, snow.

This tells a story about the life of Bob. The influence from being in the Air Force stationed in Alaska as well as his deep connection with natural beauty and peace is communicated through said repeating elements.



According to FiveThirtyEight.com, Bob's paintings contain...

Bridge: 2%
Cliff: 2%
Palm Tree: 2%
Flowers: 2%
Nighttime: 3%
Barn: 4%
Hills: 4%
Fog: 6%
Fence: 6%
Cirrus clouds: 7%
Beach: 7%
Waves: 9%
Ocean: 9%
Oval frame: 9%
Path: 13%
Frame: 13%
Winter setting: 18%
Cabin: 18%
Snow: 19%
Waterfall: 20%
Sun: 20%
Rocks: 20%
Cumulus-clouds: 21%
Man-made structure: 22%
At least two mountains: 24%
Snow-covered mountain: 26%
Bushes: 30%
River or stream: 33%
Lake: 34%
Grass: 36%
At least one mountain: 39%
Clouds: 44%
Coniferous tree: 53%
Deciduous: 56%
At least two trees: 85%
At least one tree: 91%

