

# Thomas Eakins

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*Eye, Men, Brain, Tools, Art, Thinking, Honor, Beautiful, Firsts, Teacher, Neglect,  
Painting, Giving, Simple, Skins, Construction, Enthusiasm, Patriotism, Muscles,  
Expression*

A teacher can do very little for a pupil and should only be thankful if he don't hinder him, and the greater the master, mostly the less he can say.

~Thomas Eakins

Strain your brain more than your eye.

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Strain your brain more than your eye... You can copy a thing to a certain limit. Then you must use intellect.

~Thomas Eakins

The big artist . . . keeps a sharp eye on Nature and steals her tools.

~Thomas Eakins

When you first commence painting everything is a muddle. Even the commonest colors seem to have the devil in them.

~Thomas Eakins

How beautiful an old woman's skin is! All those wrinkles!

~Thomas Eakins

In mathematics the complicated things are reduced to simple things. So it is in painting.

~Thomas Eakins

The brush is a more powerful and rapid tool than the point or the stump... the main thing that the brush secures is the instant grasp of the grand construction of a figure.

~Thomas Eakins

My honors are misunderstanding, pesecution and neglect, enhanced because unsought.

~Thomas Eakins

Enthusiasm for one's goal lessens the disagreeableness of working toward it.

~Thomas Eakins

Of course, it is well to go abroad and see the works of the old masters, but Americans... must strike out for themselves, and only by doing this will we create a great and distinctly American art.

~Thomas Eakins

I have never discovered that the nude could be studied in any way except the way I have adopted. All the muscles must be pointed out. To do this all the drapery must be removed.

~Thomas Eakins

No man, and least of all myself, could ever disentangle the feelings that animated him.

~Thomas Eakins

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