



Art and Design

LC: Can you understand the components of Surrealist art and use the information to create a Surrealistic creature?

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/s/surrealism/unlock-art-exploring-surreal>

Introduction

With your parent, carer, sibling, grandparent or anyone who might be at home, we want you to create a surrealist creature.

Think about things that have an impact on your life, or hobbies/interests you enjoy and how you could incorporate those into your designs.

Could your creatures design be inspired by your favourite sport? Or features of your pet? Perhaps you like a TV series and want to incorporate a character?

Shaping the Learning

Surrealism is an art movement that still inspires artists today! It began around 1910 but became popular during the early 20's.

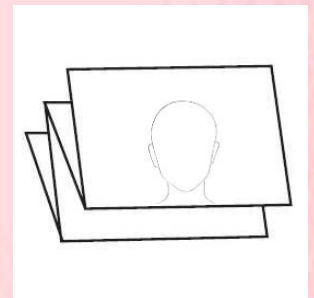
Famous artists like Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo and Max Ernst created artworks that broke social norms, reflected their personal lives but also made political statements. These were influenced by theories that dreams were symbolic and had meanings.



My Time

Fold a piece of paper three times back and forth to create a concertina. Then draw a head- any head you like! This is where we'd like you to consider what's relevant to you. Do you want to draw your own head, if so look closely at your features? Perhaps you want to think about who else lives at home, what are their characteristics? Once you've drawn a head, fold your paper so the person doing the activity with you can draw a body, and so on! When completed redraw so your design becomes a final design. Watch the video for an example.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIZmYByhuKc>



CREATE YOUR DESIGN! There are no rules, just let your imagination flow!

Hot Challenge

Can you create your creature a landscape? If your creature has a lot of robotic features, will your landscape be futuristic? If your creature is really colourful, will your landscape reflect that or be the opposite?

What should my work look like?

Your piece does not need to be realistic. Sometimes the more abstract, the better! You should have something that you feel reflects yourself, there's no right or wrong but we want to see some really wacky designs. If you don't have a pen and paper, you could always collage your design by using newspapers/magazines. You don't need glue for a collage, just lay out your design and photograph it!

Extension activity: Using your creative writing skills, write a short story about your creature.

Where does it live? What does it eat? How does it walk? What sound does it make if any at all? Can it fly? If you don't have any colours, what colours could it be? Does it get along with any other animals? Could it be a pet? Use lots of descriptive words!