

Brief History of Art and design

20th-21st century

# 02 Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism

(1930–1960)

LISTENING

for English lesson



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## VIDEO: SURREALISM IN 5 MINUTES: IDEA BEHIND THE ART MOVEMENT

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bP2JS4vDvNc>)

**Watch the video about SURREALISM and PSYCHOANALYSIS and answer the following free response questions! In addition, decide whether the given statements afterwards are true or false!**

### Task 1:

1. What is the main philosophy behind the Surrealist movement as described in the video?
2. How did Sigmund Freud's theories influence the Surrealists in their artistic expression?
3. Describe the significance of automatic writing and drawing in Surrealism! How did these practices help artists explore the unconscious mind?
4. What was Andre Breton's perspective on Freud, and how did it impact the relationship between Surrealism and psychoanalysis?
5. In what ways did the Surrealists differ from Freud regarding the purpose of exploring the human psyche through art?

### Task 2:

1. *True or False?* Surrealism started as a movement in Paris in 1924.
2. *True or False?* Sigmund Freud was known for his contributions to the field of surrealism.
3. *True or False?* Automatic writing and drawing were practices used by Surrealists to access the unconscious mind.
4. *True or False?* Breton's Surrealist Manifesto emphasized strict control over artistic expression.
5. *True or False?* The Surrealists were primarily focused on the therapeutic aspects of Freud's theories.
6. *True or False?* Freud was interested in the artistic interpretations of his psychoanalytic theories.
7. *True or False?* Surrealists viewed art as a way to explore the human psyche and express psychoanalytic theories poetically.