

Brief History of Art and design

20th-21st century

02 Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism

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ADDITIONAL EXERCISES AND ACTIVITIES

for English lesson



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Surrealism & Abstract Expressionism Jeopardy Game

	100	200	300	400	500
Surrealism	What is Surrealism?	Who is Salvador Dalí?	Name a famous Surrealist work.	What are common themes in Surrealism?	How did the Surrealist movement influence literature?
Abstract Expressionism	What defines Abstract Expressionism?	Who were the prominent artists of this movement?	How does Abstract Expressionism differ from Surrealism?	What techniques are commonly used in Abstract Expressionism?	Discuss the impact of Abstract Expressionism on modern art.
Key Concepts	What is automatism?	Explain the term "psychic automatism."	What role does the subconscious play in Surrealism?	How does color play a role in Abstract Expressionism?	What is the significance of action painting?
Comparative Analysis	Compare Surrealism and Dada.	What are the similarities between Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism?	How did World War II influence these movements?	Discuss the role of dreams in Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism.	Analyze the cultural context of both movements.
Influence and Legacy	Who were the influential critics of Surrealism?	How did these movements affect contemporary art?	Explain the legacy of Surrealism in popular culture.	What are some modern artists influenced by Abstract Expressionism?	How do these movements continue to resonate today?

Questions:

Surrealism

- **100:** What is Surrealism?

Answer: Surrealism is an artistic movement that seeks to challenge the conventional perception of reality by exploring the unconscious mind and dreams.

- **200:** Who is Salvador Dalí?

Answer: Salvador Dalí is a prominent Surrealist artist known for his dreamlike, bizarre imagery and technical skill, particularly in works such as "The Persistence of Memory."

- **300:** Name a famous Surrealist work.

Answer: One famous Surrealist work is "The Elephants" by Salvador Dalí.

- **400:** What are common themes in Surrealism?

Answer: Common themes include dreams, the unconscious mind, the juxtaposition of unexpected elements, and the exploration of reality versus illusion.

- **500:** How did the Surrealist movement influence literature?

Answer: The Surrealist movement influenced literature by encouraging writers to explore free association, dream imagery, and automatic writing, leading to new forms of storytelling.

Abstract Expressionism

- **100:** What defines Abstract Expressionism?

Answer: Abstract Expressionism is characterized by spontaneous, automatic, or subconscious creation, focusing on the expression of emotions through abstraction and bold colors.

- **200:** Who were the prominent artists of this movement?

Answer: Prominent artists include Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko, and Willem de Kooning.

- **300:** How does Abstract Expressionism differ from Surrealism?

Answer: Abstract Expressionism emphasizes emotion and abstraction, while Surrealism focuses on dream imagery and the unconscious mind.

- **400:** What techniques are commonly used in Abstract Expressionism?

Answer: Common techniques include action painting, color field painting, and the use of unconventional materials.

- **500:** Discuss the impact of Abstract Expressionism on modern art.

Answer: Abstract Expressionism paved the way for various contemporary art movements, emphasizing individual expression and the rejection of traditional forms.

Key Concepts

- **100:** What is automatism?

Answer: Automatism is a technique used in Surrealism where artists create without conscious thought, allowing the unconscious mind to guide their hand.

- **200:** Explain the term “psychic automatism.”

Answer: Psychic automatism refers to the process of creating art without rational control, allowing spontaneous images and ideas to emerge from the subconscious.

- **300:** What role does the subconscious play in Surrealism?

Answer: The subconscious is central to Surrealism, driving the creation of artworks that reflect hidden desires, fears, and dreams.

- **400:** How does color play a role in Abstract Expressionism?

Answer: Color in Abstract Expressionism often conveys emotion and is used expressively, sometimes dominating the composition to evoke feelings.

- **500:** What is the significance of action painting?

Answer: Action painting is significant because it emphasizes the physical act of painting, allowing the artist’s movements and gestures to become part of the artwork.

Comparative Analysis

- **100:** Compare Surrealism and Dada.

Answer: Both movements emerged in response to World War I; however, Dada rejected traditional aesthetics and embraced absurdity, while Surrealism sought to explore the unconscious.

- **200:** What are the similarities between Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism?

Answer: Both movements emphasize individual expression and the use of abstraction, often drawing from psychological and emotional experiences.

- **300:** How did World War II influence these movements?

Answer: World War II led artists to explore themes of chaos, trauma, and the human psyche, influencing both movements’ focus on emotional expression.

- **400:** Discuss the role of dreams in Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism.

Answer: Dreams play a central role in Surrealism as a source of inspiration, while in Abstract Expressionism, the emotional response to the dream state may inform the use of color and form.

- **500:** Analyze the cultural context of both movements.

Answer: Both movements emerged in periods of upheaval and change, reflecting societal anxieties through their focus on the unconscious and emotional expression.

Influence and Legacy

- **100:** Who were the influential critics of Surrealism?

Answer: Influential critics include André Breton, who was a key figure in defining and promoting the movement.

- **200:** How did these movements affect contemporary art?

Answer: They influenced contemporary art by encouraging experimentation, abstraction, and the exploration of personal and cultural identity.

- **300:** Explain the legacy of Surrealism in popular culture.

Answer: Surrealism's legacy in popular culture includes its influence on films, literature, and advertising, often seen in dreamlike or bizarre imagery.

- **400:** What are some modern artists influenced by Abstract Expressionism?

Answer: Modern artists influenced by Abstract Expressionism include Julie Mehretu and Mark Bradford.

- **500:** How do these movements continue to resonate today?

Answer: Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism continue to inspire artists and movements that prioritize personal expression and challenge conventional boundaries in art.

Surrealism and abstract expressionism flash cards

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