

Andy Warhol



He was born on 6th August 1928. His birth name was Andrew Warhola. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He is known for his pop art and his work focuses on the links between celebrity, advertising and artistic expression.



He called his studio **The Factory** and it became a famous meeting place for creative people and celebrities.

He pioneered a new art movement called Pop Art. Pop artists liked the idea of making art from everyday things like magazines, comic books, ads, packaging and the movies. For instance he painted 32 soup cans, one of each flavour, because they were his favourite lunch.



He was scared of hospitals and doctors.



He died in 1973.

Andy Warhol: How he became an artist

Andy was always **artistic** and **loved to draw**, colour and make collages. His mother encouraged him by giving him a chocolate bar for each page he finished in his colouring book.



In high school, the art club excluded Warhol because he was better than the other members.

In grade three, Andy became sick with a disease called Chorea. He had to spend a lot of time away from school and in bed.



While bed-ridden, he drew, listened to the radio and collected pictures of movie stars around his bed. These later inspired his artworks.

After attending art school, Andy moved to New York and became a very successful commercial artist drawing pictures for adverts, magazines and record covers.





Marilyn Monroe by Andy Warhol



ANDY WARHOL 'Marilyn Diptych', 1962 (silkscreen on canvas)



CLAES OLDENBURG (1922-), COOSJE VAN BRUGGEN (1942-2009)
 'Spoonbridge and Cherry' photo: Mike Hicks, 1985-88
 (aluminium, stainless steel and paint)

Coca Cola Bottles, 1962, Andy Warhol

Pop Ar

- Uses images and icons that are popular in the modern world like famous celebrities and items like soup cans
- Images can be repeated over and over again, changing the colour or texture of the item, and putting different items together to make a picture.

Pop Art is art made from commercial items and cultural icons such as product labels, advertisements, and movie stars.

Pop Art is meant to be

FUN!

Pop Art began in the 1950s, but became very popular in the 1960s. It started in the United Kingdom, but became a true art movement in New York City with artists like Andy Warhol and Jasper Johns.

Information Hunt

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2. Where was Andy Warhol born?
3. True or false: He called his studio 'The Factory'. T / F
4. What is the definition of Pop Art? _____

5. Who would visit Andy Warhol's art studio?
6. What did his mum give him every time he finished a colouring page?

7. What club was Andy excluded from at school for being too good at it?
8. Growing up, why did Andy spend a lot of time in bed? _____

9. When did Pop Art become popular?
10. Where did Andy move to after attending Art School?
11. Find the Campbell's Soup painting. How many cans are there?
12. Which type of fizzy drink did Warhol paint in the Pop Art style?
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14. Write down the 4 colours used in the painting, 'Marilyn Diptych'. _____

15. Pop Art does not just include paintings. Find the photograph of the Pop Art sculpture you see in the photo: _____

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17. Fill in the blanks: In Pop Art, images can be _____ over and over again, changing the _____ of the item, and putting different items together to make a picture.
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19. What is your favourite piece of Pop Art? Why?
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