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Art: Salvadore Dali

LO: To observe and comment on surreal artwork



Family Life

Salvador Dalí was born in 1904 in Figueres, Spain. It was a city located close to the Pyrenees, which border France and Spain.

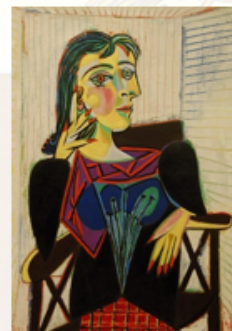
His father was a lawyer and a strict disciplinarian. His mother was more gentle and encouraged Dalí's art and creativity.



Introduction to Surrealism

In the late twenties, Dalí met a number of influential artists. He was particularly impressed with Pablo Picasso.

He also met artist Joan Miró, poet Paul Eluard and painter René Magritte. These artists introduced Dalí to Surrealism.



The word 'surrealist' means 'beyond reality'. This means that surrealist art is an expression of dreams and the unreal rather than something that is true and rational.

Surrealism

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Is This Surrealism?



Explain your thoughts about this picture.

Dali's Surrealism

Dali used the images from his dreams and in his subconscious to improve his creativity.

His most famous piece of art is called The Persistence of Memory and he painted it in 1931.



The Persistence of Memory 1931



Talk about this painting.
What makes it an example of Surrealism?
What themes do you think Dalí is expressing?

Metamorphosis of Narcissus 1937



What examples of Surrealism can you see in this painting?

Sleep 1937



What message is Dali expressing about sleep in this painting?