



ANDY WARHOL KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



Biography

- Andy Warhol was an American artist, film director and producer.
- Warhol is one of the most famous artists of the 20th Century.
- He was a leading figure in the art movement known as pop art, from the 1950s to the 1960s.
- He is most famous for works such as *Campbell's Soup Cans*, *Marilyn Diptych* and *Eight Elvises*.
- Warhol's works explore advertising and celebrity culture, which emerged in the 1960s in the United States and Europe.
- He used a variety of techniques and styles, including painting, silkscreening and sculpture.



-Warhol lived between 1928 and 1987. He was originally from Pittsburgh, but spent much of his life living in New York City.

Significant Works

Campbell's Soup Cans (1962)



-*Campbell's Soup Cans* consists of 32 canvasses, each of which measure 51cm x 41cm. Each canvass contains a painting of one of the 32 varieties of soup offered by the company at the time.

-The printmaking method was used to produce the paintings. The criticism and debate that the work drew helped the rise of pop art, and turned Warhol into one of America's most famous artists.

Marilyn Diptych (1962)



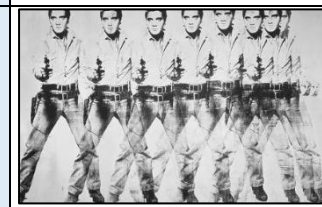
-The *Marilyn Diptych* is a silkscreen painting.

-It contains 50 images of Marilyn Monroe, a hugely famous American actress and model who died aged 36 in 1962. This was created in the weeks following her death.

-The 25 images on the left are in colour, the 25 on the right are in black and white, and are faded.

-It is thought that the relationship between the two sides were to represent her life and death.

Eight Elvises (1963)



-*Eight Elvises* is another silkscreen painting.

-It contains eight identical images of Elvis Presley in cowboy costume on a silver background.

-The cowboy is a typical Hollywood construction, and the silver is to represent the 'silver screen', a name given for the Hollywood movie industry.

-It is a large painting, measuring 200 by 370cm.

Styles and Techniques

<p>Pop Art</p>	<p>-Pop art is a movement that arose in the late 1950s/ early 1960s. It uses imagery from popular and mass culture, for example advertising, comic books, the media and mass-produced everyday objects.</p> <p>-Warhol had a positive view of the features of ordinary modern life presented in pop art, which he felt abstract impressionism (the dominant style of the time) ignored.</p> <p>-Pop art is often bold, bright and brash, and attracted a great deal of criticism at the time.</p>	
<p>Silkscreen</p>	<p>-Silkscreen Printing is a stenciling method that involves printing ink through stencils. The stencils are supported by a fabric mesh stretched across a frame called a screen.</p> <p>-It is also known as screen printing or serigraphy. Silkscreen Printing is ideally suited for bold and graphic designs.</p> <p>-Warhol used this method because he felt that it allowed him to easily mass-produce copies of existing images, which he could edit and paint to create his desired effect.</p>	
<p>Modern Art</p>	<p>-Modern Art generally refers to art that was produced between 1860 and 1970, which threw aside the traditions of the past in favour of experimentation.</p> <p>-Modern artists experimented with new ways of using materials and forming abstract images. As well as a pop artist, Andy Warhol is often considered as a modern artist.</p>	

How do I produce art like Warhol?

Step 1: Take a selfie on a smartphone/ camera. Use the filter options to find a bold and interesting style.

Things you'll need: Smartphone/ digital camera, printer, coloured pens/pencils, paper.

Step 3: Select two colours for each image, that you feel will look bold and bright next to one another.

A child's Warhol-style selfie print artwork

Step 2: Print the image four or six times in greyscale (black and white).

Step 4: On each selfie use the two colouring pens/ pencils to colour in your features/ the background of the image. Use the same scheme (with two different colours) on each image.

Step 5: Stick the selfies next to one another in rows on a large sheet of paper. You now have a Warhol-style print of bold selfie images!

Key Vocabulary

- Warhol
- America
- New York
- Pop Art
- Advertising
- Celebrity
- Silkscreen
- Print
- Modern Art
- Collage
- Campbell's Soup Cans
- Marilyn Diptych
- Eight Elvises

Andy Warhol Timeline

6th August 1928 Born Andrew Warhola in Pittsburgh, USA.	1945-1949 Went to college at Carnegie Institute of Design & Technology.	1949 Moves to New York City, where he lives for the rest of his life.	1954-55 Warhol completes work for the Loft Gallery in NYC.	1960-1961 He begins to work with comics and advertised pop art.	1962 Creates <i>Campbell's Soup Cans</i> with silk-screened photos.	1962 Creates <i>Marilyn Diptych</i> .	1964 Opens 'The Factory', a worldwide centre of creativity.	1968 Is shot and badly injured by Valerie Solanas.	1970 Warhol retires from pop art and moves into moviemaking.	1980 Creates Andy Warhol TV.	22nd February 1988 Warhol dies of a heart attack after gall bladder surgery.
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