

## Surrealism - Weird and Wacky and Wonderful



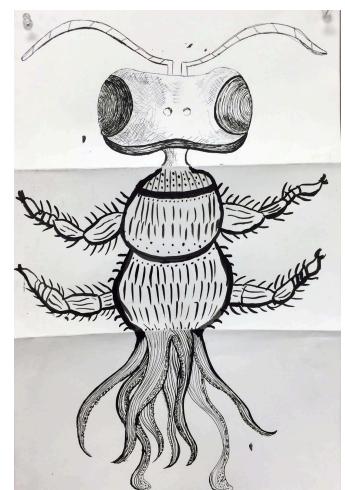
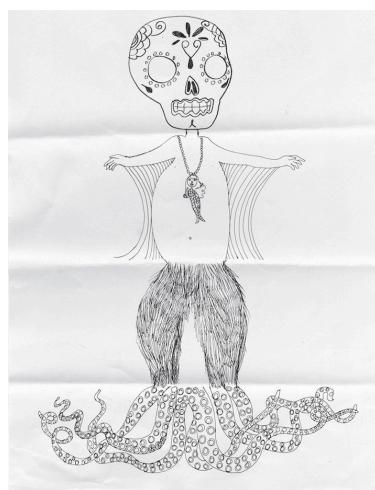
What's happening here?! Everything in the picture has a musical twist. Can you see the musical notes in the clouds?

The Surrealists were a group of artists that used dreams, memories and imaginations to create artworks. They often put strange, unlikely objects or animals together to create weird, made up characters.

*Want to see some more weird and wonderful paintings? Look up works by some of these artists: Leonora Carrington, Salvador Dali, Rene Magritte, Dorothea Tanning.*

Follow these steps to create your own surreal creature! This can be played as a game with others or on your own. The surrealists used to send the drawings to each other in the post for each artist to complete a section!

1. Fold a piece of paper into 3 parts and keep the paper folded.
2. The first person draws a head on the top section. Make the head as weird as you like. It could be an animal, an alien or even a strange object with eyes! (*Make sure the lines of the neck just cross over the fold of the paper onto the next section. This is so the next person knows where to start drawing.*) Fold the head over so no one else can see it.
3. The next person begins drawing the arms and body and leaves a mark on the next section for where the legs should start. They fold it over so no one else can see.
4. On the last section, the legs are drawn. When the legs are finished, open up the paper to see what you have created!



Why not give your new creation a name? You could write a description of your creation or write a story about it.

Look at these surrealist paintings where the artists have brought their dream worlds to life. Can you think of a story about what is happening in each of the pictures? Could you paint your dreams? Where would they take place and what might be happening?

