

Salvador Dali

Salvador Dali was born in Spain in 1904. He is famous for a style of painting called Surrealism. Surrealism is characterized by the evocative juxtaposition of incongruous images in order to include unconscious and dream elements. Dali studied art in Paris, and be-friended other great artists of the time, such as Picasso and Miro. He was married to his muse and manager, a woman names Gala. Now he has two major museums dedicated to his work, one in Florida, and one in Spain.

Vocabulary Words:

Surrealism, Symbolism, Juxtaposition

Art Project:

An art project of drawing Surrealistic Creatures accompanies this presentation

Salvador Dali:

To be Salvador Dali, imagine creating artwork that describes the irrational world between dreams and reality. Dali was compelled to paint illogical scenes with photographic precision.

- To fire up your “illogical” thinking try this: One of Dali’s most famous paintings was called *The Persistence of Memory* in which clocks appeared to be like silly-putty and were flowing off the edges of the table. one clock is being eaten by _____
(**Fill in the blank.** How Illogical can you be?)
- He would create animals that were built from parts of many different animals, or he would combine a machine and an animal – a *Lobster Telephone*. (Dali said jokingly, “I wondered why I was never presented with a boiled telephone when ordering a grilled lobster?”)
- Imagine what sort of illogical combinations you might use to create an animal. Try drawing the animal and then trying giving it a name!

Links

#1) Salvador Dali.com

<http://www.salvador dali.com/>

#2) Salvador Dali.org

<http://www.salvador-dali.org/>

#3) Britannica-Salvador Dali

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/150173/Salvador-Dali>