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# Andy Warhol Activities



## Activity 1

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### Group A

**Get ready to introduce Andy Warhol to your partner from the other group.**

Visit the BBC webpage [www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/warhol\\_andy.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/warhol_andy.shtml), read Warhol's biography and take a few notes about:

- personal details
- his career
- his sources of inspiration

Once done with your notes, practise presenting Warhol in your own way from key words (don't read complete sentences from the webpage!)

### Group B

**Get ready to introduce Pop Art to your partner from the other group.**

Visit the Tate Gallery webpage [www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/p/pop-art](http://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/p/pop-art), read their presentation and take a few notes about:

- the origins of Pop Art
- its objectives and sources of inspiration
- the way it was welcomed
- the distinctive features of American Pop

Once done with your notes, practice presenting Pop Art your own way from key words (don't read complete sentences from the webpage!)



## Activity 2

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**A. You will see a video showing many works by Warhol. Take notes and get ready to:**

- spot influences from his personal life in his work,
- commenting on the works, show that he was a pop artist,
- list the various sources for his inspiration,
- show the variety of his art (techniques, colours, figuration/abstraction...)

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**B. 1. Focus on the initial quote by Warhol.**

*“Everybody has their own America, and then they have pieces of a fantasy America that they think is out there but they can’t see...So the fantasy corners of America...you’ve pieced them together from scenes in movies and music and lines from books. And you live in your dream America that you’ve custom-made from art and schmaltz and emotions just as much as you live in your real one.”*

**a. What does he mean? Rephrase the quote in a few words.**

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**b. What do you think of it?**

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**c. Does it help you better understand Warhol’s work? Explain.**

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**2. Here are a few more quotes by Warhol. Select your favourite two and get ready to explain what you understand from them and what you liked about them. Also try to relate them to Warhol’s art.**

- a. “In the future, everyone will be famous for 15 minutes!”
- b. “An artist is somebody who produces things that people don’t need to have.”
- c. “I always suspected that I was watching TV instead of living life.”
- d. “Making money is art and working is art and good business is the best art.”
- e. “I am a deeply superficial person.”
- f. Why do people think that artists are special? It’s just another job. ”
- g. “I’ve decided something: commercial things really do stink. As soon as it becomes commercial for a mass market it really stinks.”



**Activity 3**

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**Write a review about Andy Warhol and his work. In your presentation you will have to:**

- Introduce the artist and his art.
- Briefly explain what Pop Art consists of.
- Select one or two works by Warhol and comment on them (you can explore the Whitney Museum webpage dedicated to the exhibition (<https://whitney.org/Exhibitions/AndyWarhol>)).
- Include a commented quote by Warhol to illustrate some aspects of his work or ideas.
- Say what you like (or dislike) about Warhol.