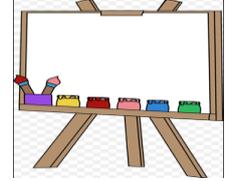


Art Activity

Abstract - Rene Magritte



Please, stay safe and ask a grown up to supervise you

Resources/ things you need

- Paper
- Colouring pencils
- Scissors
- glue
- Drawing pencil

What to do

1. Pick an everyday item in your house and place it in an unusual setting. For example, a rubber duck from your bathroom in a tree in your garden. Imagine walking past a tree on your walk home from school and seeing a rubber duck in it- how odd would that be!
2. Draw your background. Try to include things that Rene Magritte would have drawn or painted.
3. Choose your object. Draw it, cut it out and stick it on your picture. You can choose more than one object if you like!

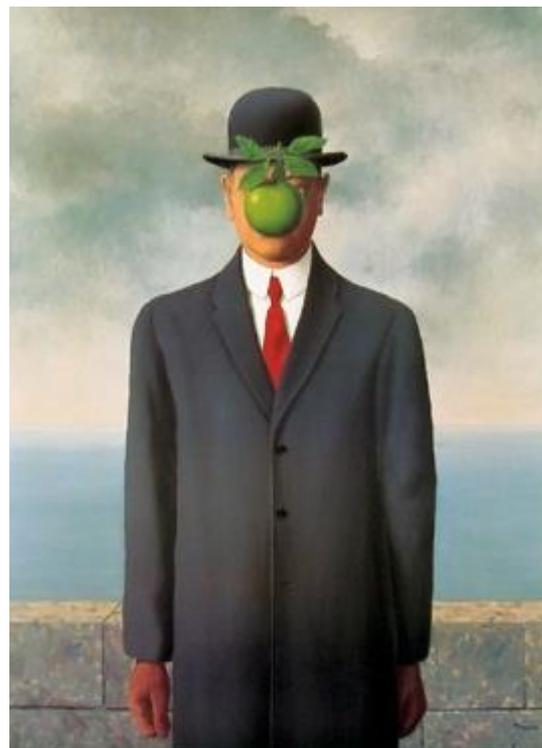
Background and the link to learning

Magritte studied at art school in Brussels, Belgium and took various jobs to earn money, including designing wallpaper and fashion adverts.

The sorts of things Magritte painted included:

- Familiar objects - such as pipes, apples, eggs, birds, clocks or candles
- Men in suits and bowler hats
- Blue skies with clouds and views of the sea
- Windows and doors, picture frames and mirrors
- Pictures of artists, easels or paints

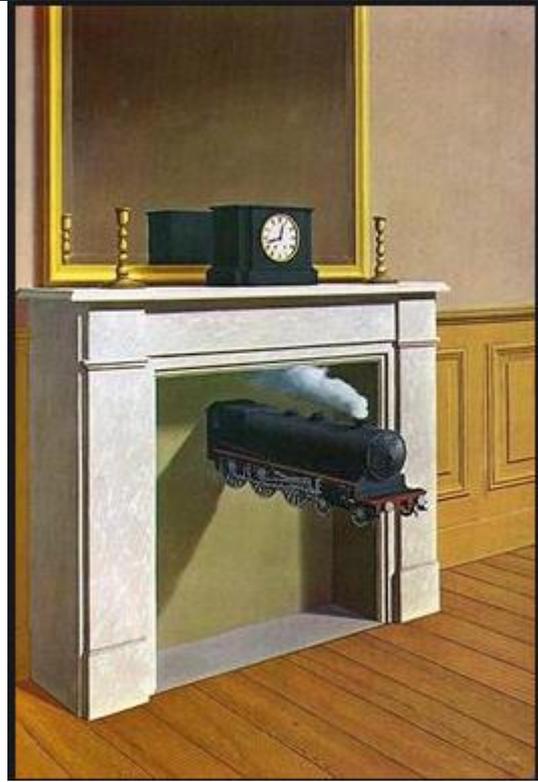
Pictures



The son of Man

So, his artwork doesn't sound too strange...but where were these objects placed in his artwork? That's when it all gets a bit interesting!

'The Son of Man' is probably Magritte's most recognizable and most parodied work. It is a self-portrait, featuring a man whose face is obscured by an apple, suspended in mid-air. It makes you want to move the apple and see the man's real face, and this is exactly the feeling Magritte wanted to show. If you look carefully you can see two eyes peeking out from behind the floating apple. In the background you can see a wall, the sea and the sky. The man is wearing an overcoat, red tie and bowler hat.



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