



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Pop Art</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-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.</li><li>-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.</li><li>-Pop art is often bold, bright and brash, and attracted a great deal of criticism at the time.</li></ul>	
<b>Silkscreen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-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.</li><li>-It is also known as screen printing or serigraphy. Silkscreen Printing is ideally suited for bold and graphic designs.</li><li>-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.</li></ul>	
<b>Modern Art</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-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.</li><li>-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.</li></ul>	

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

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

**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!

**A child's Warhol-style selfie print artwork**

## 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

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