

Henry Moore 1898-1988

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Yorkshire	County in England where Moore was born.
Sculptor	An artist who creates 3 dimensional forms.
bronze	Metal that Moore used to create many of his sculptures.
Abstract	Abstract art is modern art which does not represent images of our everyday world. It has colour, lines and shapes (form), but they are not intended to represent objects or living things. Often the artists were influenced by ideas and philosophies. Abstract art is found in painting and in sculpture.
hollow	Many of Moore's sculptures contain hollow spaces.
Public art works	Moore created lots of sculptures to go into public spaces in towns and cities as well as parks,
Barbara Hepworth	Another sculptor born in Yorkshire whom Moore met whilst at Leeds University.
marble	Stone which he carved to create his sculptures.
figure	Most of Moore's sculptures were of the human form, mainly women and even family groups.



Sticky Knowledge about Henry Moore

- ❑ Henry Moore was born in Castleford, Yorkshire, England in 1898. He was a teacher and was in the army before going to Leeds School of Art to learn to become a sculptor. He was a life long friend of fellow sculptor: Barbara Hepworth.
- ❑ Henry Moore is famous for his sculptures of people with bumpy forms and hollow spaces in their bodies. His sculptures also sometimes have holes right through them! As well as bumps and hollows he used flowing, abstract shapes in his sculptures.
- ❑ He was inspired by nature. He sketched the hills near where he grew up and collected interesting stones, animal bones and tree roots on his regular walks in the countryside. He used these bumpy, twisted natural forms to inspire his sculptures.
- ❑ During World War II, he was commissioned by the War Artists Advisory Committee to make drawings of people in London using underground stations as bomb shelters. The scratchy dark drawings powerfully capture the feelings of anxiety that people must have felt.
- ❑ Many of Henry's sculptures are in public spaces. You can see lots of his work at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

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