**Surrealism   
What is Surrealism?**

**Surrealism** is an invented word –“sur” means beyond or farther than, so “surreal” means to go beyond real. It was named this because surrealist art derives much of its meaning from the theories of Dr. Sigmund Freud and the unconscious.

Surrealism tried to meld the conscious and the unconscious, the world of dreams and fantasy along with reality so that the line between these ideas was completely blurred. Much of Surrealistic art portrays alternate realities; some created by accident, some using the unconventional realities of blind feeling and impulse. Some of the art of this time is quite cruel and violent as well as very beautiful. The artists, like the Dada artists before them, wanted to shock their viewers with the unexpected and make people think in new ways.

The surrealists admired the artwork of the insane for its freedom of expression, as well as artworks created by children.

**What is the difference between the conscious and unconscious mind?**

**Subconscious Mind**Your subconscious mind is responsible for your emotions, thoughts, ideas, habits, outlooks, beliefs and how you choose to make some kind of meaning to your experiences in life. You do not experience life, you run everything through a subconscious system of internal filters, which change the information you notice.

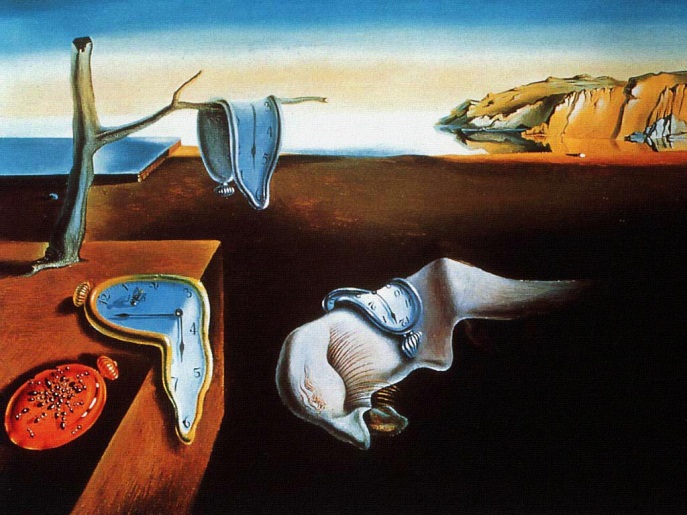
**Conscious Mind**The conscious part of your brain has some amazing qualities like deduction, reasoning, logic, short-term memory, and a notion of time and space. Most importantly, it is the only part of your mind that has the ability to accept or reject information, or ideas you choose to place before it.

**Salvador Dali** is without doubt, the most famous member of the surrealist group. His painting, *The Persistence of Memory,* almost stands alone as a symbol of the movement. The melted clocks represent the strange warping of time which occurs when we enter the dream state.

**Max Ernst, Giorgio de Chirico, Man Ray, Joan Miro, Yves Tanguay and Rene Magritte.**

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**Salvador Dali**

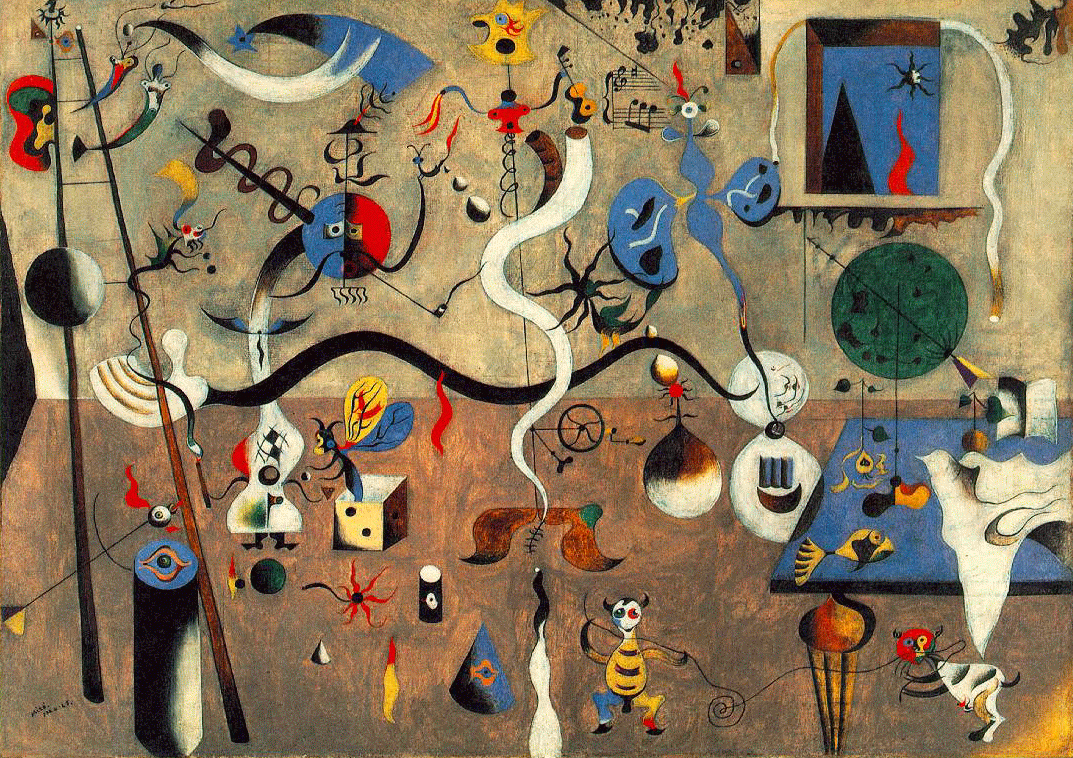
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**Max Ernst**

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**Rene Magritte**

**Joan Miro**



**Yves Tanguy**

**Preposterous Crosslink Creatures**

Create an impossible hybrid ‘creature’ that is part organic, part inorganic. Select two words, one from each section **(organic/inorganic)** and create a brand new ‘creature’ that is crossbred between the two selected words. Be creative! Sketch some ideas for **several different combinations** and select 1 hybrid creature to create a final sketch of.

**Organic**

Aardvark  
Alligator  
Alpaca  
Anteater  
Antelope  
Armadillo  
Baboon  
Badger  
Bat  
Bee  
Bear  
Beaver  
Bison  
Boar  
Buffalo  
Bull  
Bunny  
Camel  
Canary  
Cat  
Chameleon  
Cheetah  
Chimpanzee  
Chinchilla  
Chipmunk  
Cow  
Coyote  
Crocodile  
Crow

Deer  
Dog  
Dolphin  
Donkey  
Elephant  
Elk  
Ferret  
Fish  
Fox  
Frog  
Fish  
Gazelle  
Giraffe  
Goat  
Gopher   
Gorilla  
Hamster  
Hedgehog  
Hippopotamus  
Horse  
Hyena  
Iguana  
Kangaroo  
Koala  
Lamb  
Leopard  
Lion  
Lizard  
Llama  
Monkey

Moose  
Mouse  
Otter  
Ostrich  
Octopus  
Panda  
Pig  
Piranha  
Platypus  
Polar bear  
Porcupine  
Rabbit  
Raccoon  
Ram  
Rat  
Rhinoceros  
Sheep  
Skunk  
Sloth  
Spider  
Snake  
Squirrel   
Tiger  
Turtle  
Tarantula  
Walrus  
Whale  
Wolf  
Zebra

***Turn over for inorganic***

**Inorganic**

Airplane  
Baseball  
Broom  
Button  
Buckle  
Bell  
Bucket  
Boot  
Bathtub  
Brush  
Balloon  
Bike  
Candle  
Computer  
Camera  
Clothes hanger  
Car  
Cabinets  
Credit card  
Clock  
Cards  
Chair  
Chain-link Fence  
CDs  
Drums  
Envelope  
Flag  
Fan  
Fork

**Samples:**

Football  
Faucet  
Glasses  
Garbage Can  
Guitar  
Golf ball  
Helmet  
Hammer  
Headphones  
Iron  
IPod/IPhone  
Jar  
Keys  
Lamp  
Light bulb  
Lock  
Mirror  
Microwave  
Mug  
Mailbox  
Pliers  
Pencil  
Plug  
Paintbrush  
Paint tubes  
Pencil Sharpener  
Phone  
Purse  
Pots and Pans  
Paperclip

Road Signs  
Remote  
Refrigerator  
Ruler  
Saw   
Scissors  
Screwdriver  
Spoon  
Soda Can  
Seat Belt  
Sponge  
Spring  
Stapler  
Spatula  
Shovel  
Steering Wheel  
Stool  
Sunglasses  
Suitcase  
Table  
Tire  
Toothbrush  
Toilet  
Television  
Vase  
Watch   
Wallet   
Yarn   
Zipper