

ANDY WARHOL



Andy Warhol was an American artist, film director and producer.

WHO IS ANDY WARHOL?

Andrew Warhola was born on the 6th of August in Pittsburg Pennsylvania in 1928. His parents were from Europe and had moved to New York in the 1920s. He graduated from The Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1949 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He moved to New York to pursue his career; his first job was an illustrator working for the fashion magazine *Glamour*. In 1964, he opened his own art studio known as *The Factory* which became a meeting place for celebrities and creative people. He died on February 1987.

WHAT WAS HE FAMOUS FOR?

His style was called pop art. He was known for his work crossing being used for advertisements and for his work endorsing celebrities. Most of his artwork used the method of screen printing - this enabled him to make his art on a grand scale. He was inspired by beauty and plastic, and also by things that were modern and changed quickly. Pop art began in the 1950s and flourished in the 1960s.

TIME LINE OF HIS MOST FAMOUS WORKS OF ART

1962	1967	1968	1976	1981

1962: Marilyn Diptych. This was one of his most famous series of screen prints of the actress, model and singer Marilyn Monroe.

1962: Self portrait

1968: Tomato

1976: Skulls

1981: Dollar sign

KEY FACTS

- His work included many celebrity faces and well-known items.
- Andy Warhol used bright and contrasting colours that looked unnatural - this was typical of pop art.
- His technique was screen printing using acrylic paint and silk screen ink onto canvas.
- Screen printing made it easy to make art pieces quickly and on a grand scale.
- Screen printing was using a stencil of the image broken down and using ink to press onto the canvas. This could be repeated several times to build up layers of colours and bring the image back together.



- He founded the New York Academy of Art in 1979
- Not everyone liked this movement in art: some found it tacky. They believed that real art should not be quickly mass produced.

FIND OUT MORE:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-andy-warhol>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/art-and-design-ks2-andy-warhols-marilyn-diptych/z42r2sg>

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What was then name of the magazine he first worked for?
- What style was his art work?
- What city was his studio Factory in?
- What was his main process to create his prints?
- What colours did he use?
- When did the movement of pop art begin?