Merging Surrealism + Exquisite Corpse

The objective of the assignment is to explore the innerworkings of the Surrealist

mind. We will learn about the movement, as well as what motivated these artists to

adopt this form of expression.

The unit begins with an interesting exercise that the surrealists used to free up the

mind. The end goal is to create your own surrealist creation by merging 3 works

from an artist of your choosing.

The Task:

PART 1: The Movement

Explore the movement with some background information and a look at the

different artworks within the movement

➤ Critique/Analyse artwork

> Exquisite Corpse exercise

PART 2: The Research

➤ Look at work from different Surrealist painters of the time-period (more or

less) and choose one

> Select three artworks from that artist that you will briefly (100-150 words

each) analyse and submit with your final work. Be sure to research about

the life of your artist as it will help you to understand their motivations, their

fears and what they care for.

PART 2: Merging: the sketch

➤ Sketch your idea for merging the three artworks together

 Keep in mind that a sketch is as detailed as a good copy when it comes to the main elements of your work. This is your chance

to practice drawing the main elements until you get them right.

> Get it ok'd by Sav

PART 3: Merging: final copy

> Begin drawing your final copy very lightly as you will need to colour it in

after you are done.

➤ Before you colour, check with Sav

> Finish your work

> Submit your final copy with the analysis of the three artworks

Submit the analysis on TEAMS with the name of each artwork

• Submit the artwork in person.

*** If the due date falls on a date that you are not in school, you must submit an

image of your work by TEAMS***

List of surrealists:

Salvador Dali, Rene Magritte, Georgio de Chirico, Max Ernst, Andre Breton, Pablo Picasso, Yves Tanguy, Frieda Kahlo, Vladimir Kush, Marc Chagall (Feel

free to use any surrealist painter)

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