DADAISM SURREALISM

MODERN ART AND OTHER TALES OF PROGRESS

TIMELINE

	World War I (1914-18)							Beginning of World War II (1939-45)
1907	907 1914		1915		1918		24	1939
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The beginnings of Dada / The beginnings of WWI

"The beginnings of Dada, were not the beginnings of art, but of disgust." -Tristan Zara (Dada artist)

- Lasted from 1914-18; caused the deaths of almost 20 million
- An unprecedented loss of human life (as a result of technological advances in weaponry, communications and transportation)
- Compared to the Futurists, what do you think the perception towards these new technologies would have been now?

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- Compared to the Futurists, what do you think the perception towards these new technologies would have been now?
 - For the disillusioned artists of the Dada movement, unlike the Futurists, the war merely confirmed the degradation of social structures that led to such violence: corrupt and nationalist politics, repressive social values.
 - Instead of the Futurist attitude of patriotism and fascism, the Dadaist tone was of Pacifism (opposition to war)
 - Dada artists felt the war called into question every aspect of a society capable of starting the war- including its art.

What is Dada art?

"Dada is irony," "Dada is anti-art," "Dada will kick you in the behind"



- No common style or medium: could be painting, photography, sculpture etc.
- Aesthetic/visual style was secondary to the ideas
- Importance on absurdity, humor, satire, uncanny (weirdness)
- The very name Dada reflects the absurdity- nonsensical word selected at random

THE DADA MANIFESTO

I write this manifesto to show that people can perform contrary actions together while taking one fresh gulp of air; I am against action; for continuous contradiction, for affirmation too, I am neither for nor against and I do not explain because I hate common sense. -Tristan Tzara, 1918

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e hais le bon-sens. DADA — voilà un mot qui mène les idées à la chasse; haque bourgeois est un petit dramaturge, invente des propos différents, au lieu de placer les personnages sonvenables à la qualité de son intelligence, chrysaildes ses, cherche les causes ou les buts (suivant The character of the test causes on the order of the pour methode psycho-analytique qui parle et se définit. Maque spectateur est un intriguant, s'il cherche a pliquer un mot: (con n attret) Du réfuge ouaté ications serpentines il laisse manipuler De là les malheurs de la vie conjugale.

MANIFESTE DADA 1918.

rubistes et faministes, laboratoirea d'idées formelles. Fait-on l'art pour aggare l'argoir et carasser las-centils bourgeois? Les rimes sonnent i assonance des monares-et l'inflexion glisse le long de la ligue du ventre en profil. Tous les groupements d'artistes oat abouti à cette banque en chevauchant sur de diverses comteles, La porte ouverte aux possibilités de se vaulter dans les coussins et la nourriture. Ici nous jettons l'ancre, dans la ferre grasse, lei nous avons le droit de proclamer, car nous avons connu les frissons et l'éveil. Revenants ivres d'énergie nous enfonçons le titon dans la chair insouteuse. Nous sommes ruissellements de malédicions en abondance tropique de végétations vertigineuses, gonme et pluie

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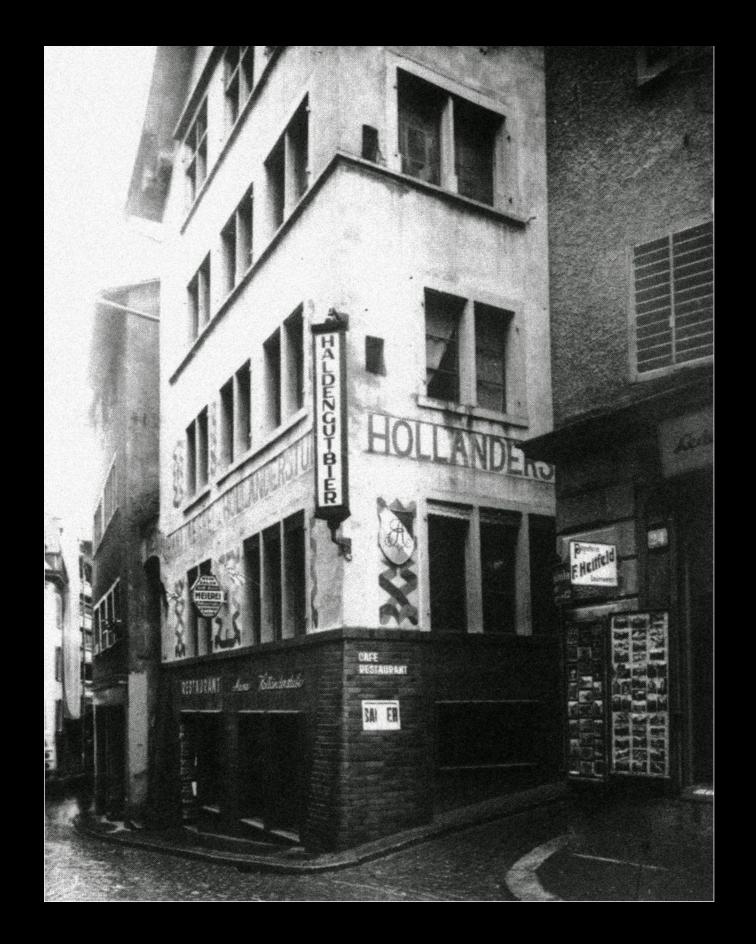
le vous dis il n'y a pas de commencement et nous me tremblons, nous ne sommencement et nous déchirons, vent furieux le linge des maages et des privers, et préparons le grand spectacle du désarts l'incendie, la décomposition. Préparons la supression du deuil et replaçons les larmes par les sitenes tendues d'un continent à l'autre. Pavillons de joie intense et vuris de la tristesse du poison. D'ADA de l'enseigne de l'abstraction; la réclame et les affaires sont aussi des étéments poétiques. Je détruis les tiroirs du cerveau, et ceux de l'organ-sation sociale: démoraliser partout et jetter la main du ciel en enfer, les yeux de l'enfer au ciel, rétablir la noue féconde d'un cirque universel dans les puis sances réélles et la fantaise de chaque individu.

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la robe reclude d'un chique laissie de chaque individu.
La philosophie est la fantaisie de chaque individu.
La philosophie est la question : de quel côté commen-cer à regarder la vie, d'eu, l'idéc, ou les autres ap-paritions. Tout ce qu'on regarde est faux, je ne crois pas plus important le résultar relatif, que le choix entre gâteau et cerises après diner. La façon de regarder vile l'autre côté d'une chose, pour im-poser indirectement son opinion, s'appelle dialectique, cetat-à-dire marchander l'espirit des pommes frites, a dansant la méthode autour.
Si je crei:
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2-page layout of Tristan Tzara's Dada Manifesto, printed in Dada 3 (December 1918)



CABARET VOLTAIRE

'Total pandemonium. The people around us were shouting, laughing and gesticulating. Our replies are sighs of love, volleys of hiccups, poems, moos and meowing of medieval bruitists.

Tzara is wiggling his behind like the belly of an oriental dancer. Janco is playing an invisible violin and bowing and scraping. Madame Hennings, with a Madonna face, is doing the splits. Huelsenbeck is banging away nonstop on the great drum, with Ball accompanying him on the piano, pale as a chalky ghost.'

-Jean Arp in his 1955 memoir

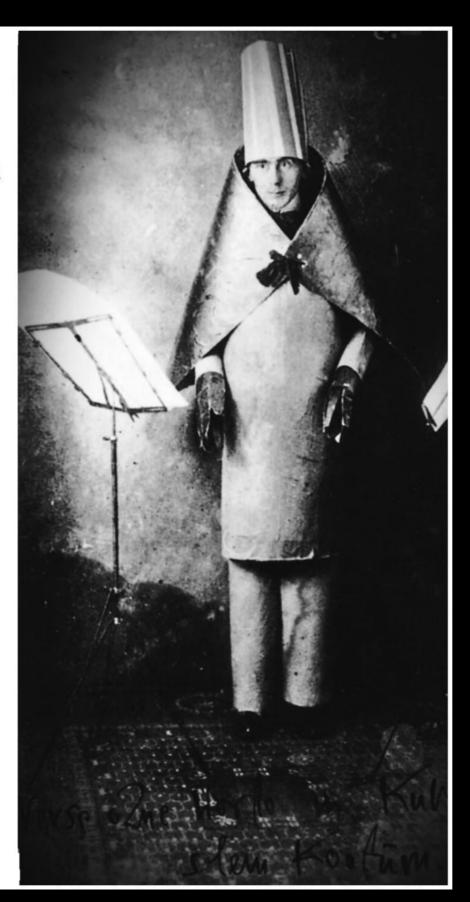


Dada artists at Cabaret Voltaire

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_8Wg40F3yo

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Hugo Ball, Karawane, 1916

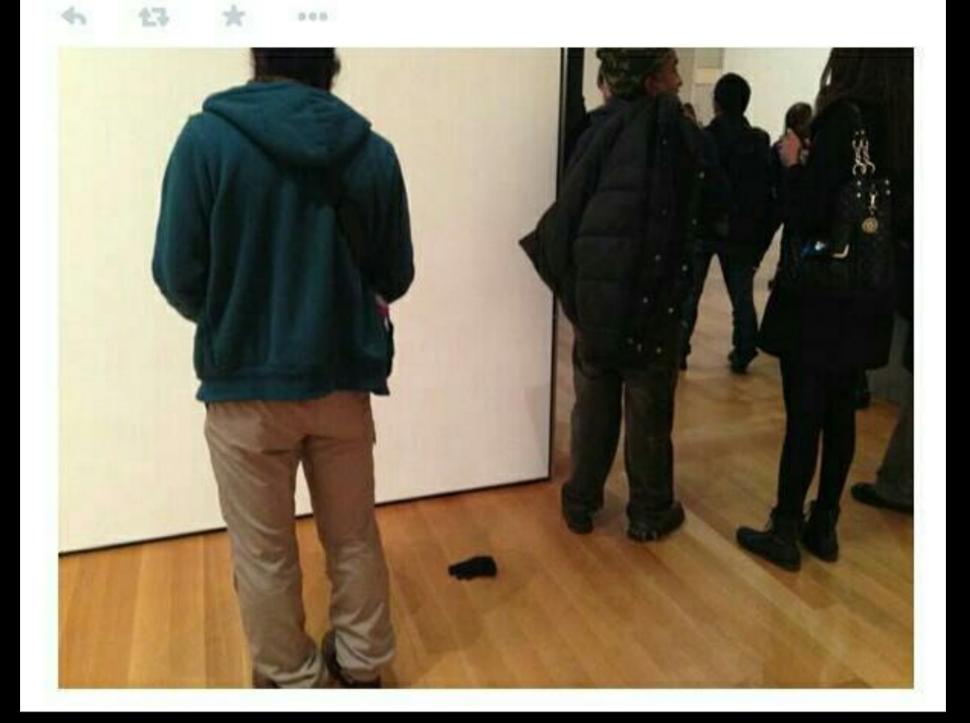


Hugo Ball (right) text of *Karawane* (left) Ball performing the poem at Club Voltaire 1916





Ckub Voltaire in Zurich today Guy dropped his glove on the floor here at MoMA and everyone is nervously stepping around it, unsure if it's art.





READYMADES

What makes a readymade?

- A term first used by Marcel Duchamp; refers to artworks that are made of manufactured objects
- "An ordinary object [could be] elevated to the dignity of a work of art by the mere choice of an artist." -Marcel Duchamp
- The choice of object itself is a creative act
- By cancelling the useful function of an object, it becomes art
- The presentation and addition of a title to the object as an artwork gives it 'a new thought', a new meaning.



Marcel Duchamp *Fountain* 1917



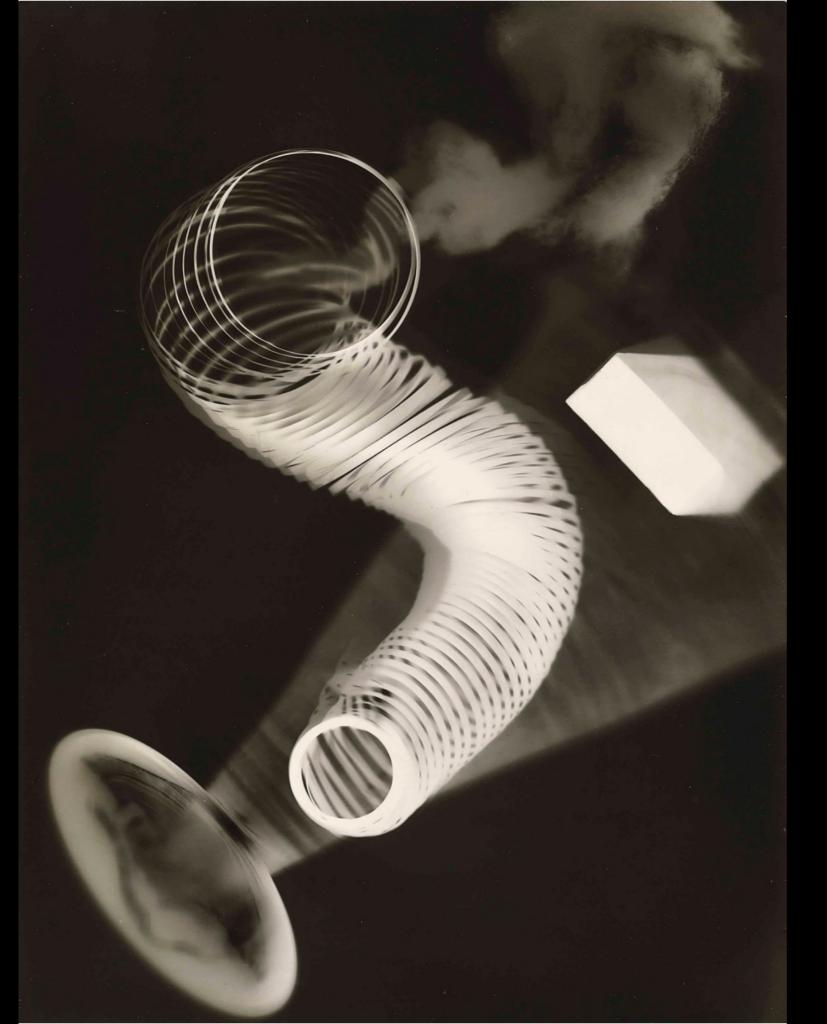
Marcel Duchamp, *Bicycle Wheel*, 1913



CHANCE CREATIONS

- War proves that rationalism and order of society doesn't work
- Instead, artists relied on new "anti-rational" chance procedures to create art

Jean (Hans) Arp Untitled (Collage with Squares Arranged according to the Law of Chance) 1916-17

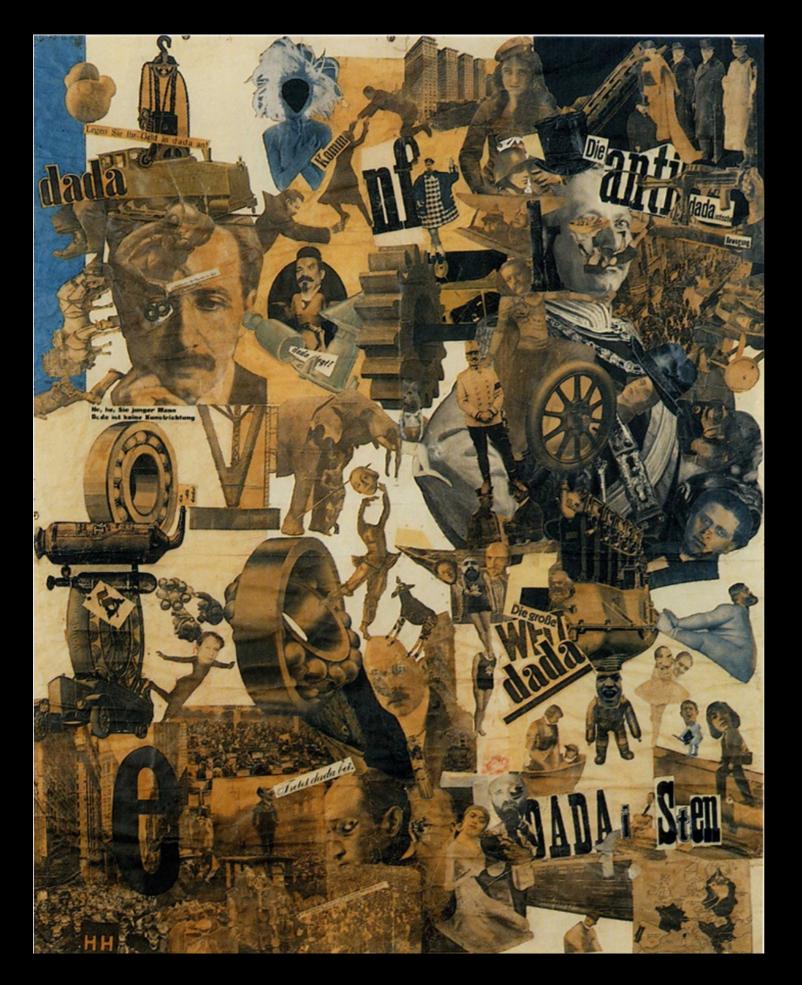


Man Ray *Untitled Rayograph* 1922



WORD PLAY

Marcel Duchamp L.H.O.O.Q. 1919



COLLAGE

Derived from the French verb coller, meaning "to glue,"

Collage refers to both the technique and the resulting work of art in which fragments of paper and other materials are arranged and glued or otherwise affixed to a supporting surface.

Hannah Hoch

Cut with a Kitchen Knife Through Germany's Last Weimar Beer Belly Cultural Epoch 1919

The beginnings of Surrealism



- (postwar) Not a negation of rationality but a positive expression of it
- now attempting to tap into the subconscious mind and were more attentive to their psychological expressions.
- Responding to the psychological trauma of the war they had just lived through

The Surrealist Group

ANDRE BRETON

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What is Surrealism?

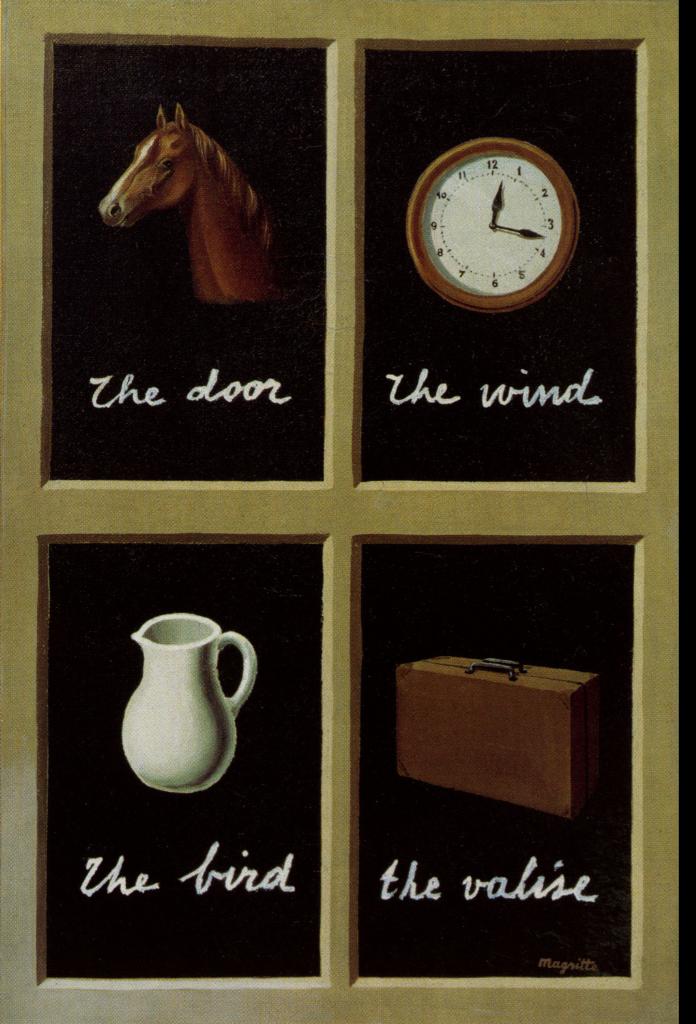
- Surrealism was a means of reuniting the conscious and unconscious realms so that the world of dream and fantasy could be joined to the everyday world of the rational.
- Dada = anarchic (complete destruction of society)
- Surrealism = uses psychology to free themselves of society

Andre Breton The Surrealist Manifesto 1924

SURREALIST PAINTING



Rene Magritte *The Treachery of Images* 1929



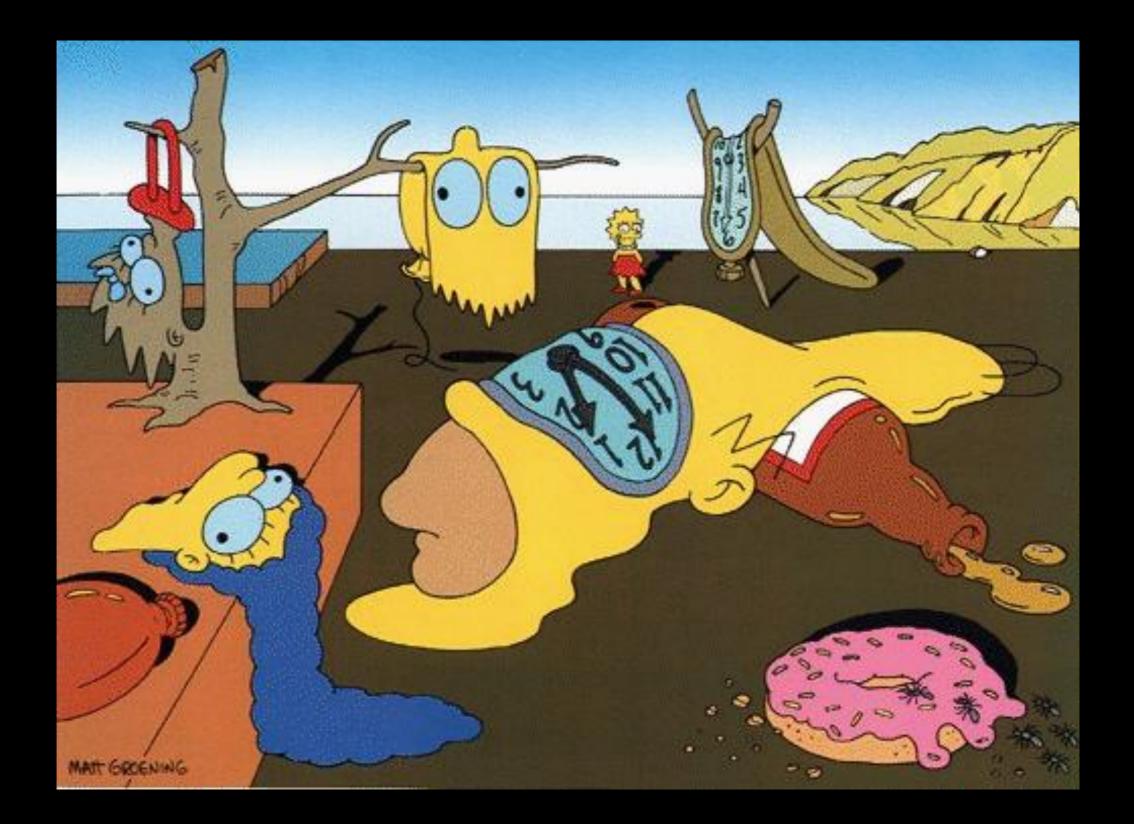
René Magritte La Clef des songes (The Interpretation of Dreams) 1935



Salvador Dali Persistence of Memory 1931 You can look at a digital rendering of Dali's painting, Archaeological Reminiscence of Millet's "Angelus." in a 360 view using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQ2-oJOkTKc&feature=emb_logo





THE SURREALIST OBJECT



Meret Oppenheim *Object* Paris, 1936 "I do not understand why, when I ask for a grilled lobster in a restaurant, I am never served a cooked telephone" - Salvador Dali



Salvador Dali *Lobster Telephone* 1938

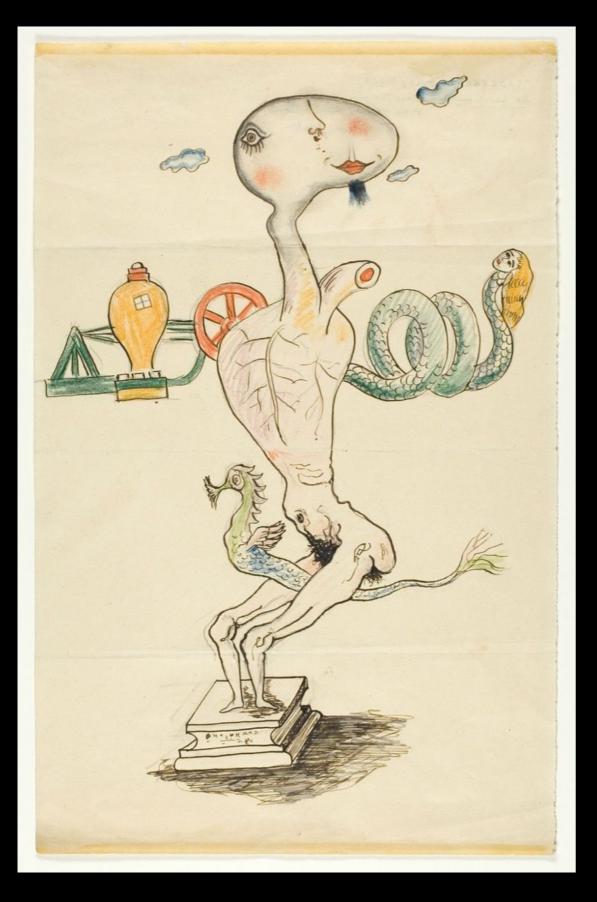
AUTOMATISM

The process of creating art without conscious thought, accessing material from the unconscious mind as part of the creative process



Joan Miro *Carnival of Harlequin* 1924-25

CADAVRE EXQUIS (EXQUISITE CORPSE)



A surrealist drawing game in which a work of art is created by a group collectively.

"we were at once recipients and contributors to the joy of witnessing the sudden appearance of creatures none of us had foreseen but which we ourselves have created." -Simone Kahn

Man Ray (Emmanuel Radnitzky), André Breton, Yves Tanguy, and Max Morise *Exquisite Corpse* 1928



André Breton, Jacques Hérold, Yves Tanguy, Victor Brauner *Figure* 1934 **Readymade**: A term first used by Marcel Duchamp; refers to artworks that are made of manufactured objects

•**Collage:** Derived from the French verb coller, meaning "to glue," collage refers to both the technique and the resulting work of art in which fragments of paper and other materials are arranged and glued or otherwise affixed to a supporting surface.

Subconscious (Unconscious): In popular writing about psychology, the division of the mind containing the sum of all thoughts, memories, impulses, desires, feelings, etc., that are not subject to a person's perception or control but that often affect conscious thoughts and behavior (noun).

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