

Knowledge Organiser

UKS2: Art - Pop Art 1960s

Pop art is an art movement that emerged in the 1950s and flourished in the 1960s in America and Britain, inspired by popular and commercial culture. That's why it is called Pop Art!



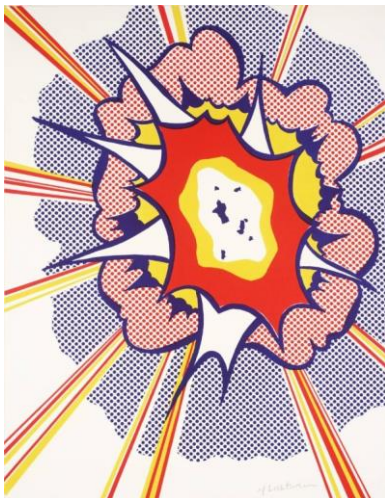
Andy Warhol was born on the 6th August 1928 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States

Key Vocabulary	Definition
silkscreen printing	the process of pressing ink through a stencilled mesh screen to create a <i>printed</i> design
lithography	the process of printing from a smooth surface, for example a metal plate
commercial art	art used in advertising and selling.
Composition	The layout, the arrangement of elements or objects within a work of art.

In 1961 Warhol came up with the concept of using mass-produced commercial goods in his art. He called it Pop Art. His soup cans are famous examples of this type of art.



Warhol's Queens



Roy Lichtenstein, Explosion, 1965

Roy Lichtenstein 1923 - 1997 was an American pop artist. During the 1960s, along with Andy Warhol. He was inspired by the comic strip. His work was influenced by popular advertising and the comic book style.



One of Warhol's portraits called *Eight Elvis's* sold for \$100 million in 2008.



'Explosion' shows flat primary colours, Benday dots and outlines. **Benday dots** are a printing technique using small dots of colour, used in colour comic books in the 1950s and '60s to create effects of shading and secondary colours.

Warhol also used pictures of famous people. He would repeat the same portrait over and over but use different colours and effects in each picture. Some of the celebrities he had as subjects include Marilyn Monroe, Che Guevara and Elizabeth Taylor.