**Surrealism**

* A cultural movement expressed through art, literature and politics.
* Focuses of ideas of chaos and unconscious desires –>things we want that we don’t know we want…? expresses the imagination revealed in dreams, free of the conscious control of reason and convention.
* Digging into the unconscious mind to find inspiration for artistic and political creativity.
* Rejection of overly rational thoughts would lead to superior ideas and expressions
* “Surrealist Manifestos” –> documents published by surrealist movement (Andre Breton (leader of surrealist movement))
* Defined surrealism as a pure state of mind that allows someone to express their thoughts freely
* Regardless of encumbrance of rational thought and societal norm???
* Trying to introduce more open and free concepts of thinking, being aware of oneself without being influenced by the outside world.
* Wanted to use art to show the inner workings of their minds –> particularly in areas concerning sexuality or violence (considered frequently oppressed in society)
* Wanted to create work that makes the viewer think and show the inner workings of the mind.
* Often used dreams and nightmares as inspiration

Artwork:



# **[SURREAL MUSIC PIECE: PIERRE SCHAEFFER & PIERRE HENRY: ORPHÉE 53](http://blogs.isl.ch/mgoddard/2016/02/09/surreal-music-piece-pierre-schaeffer-pierre-henry-orphee-53/)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJq3jItducg>