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Andy Warhol

Worksheet

Instruction: Read the story to answer the questions below!

Andrew Warhola, better known as Andy Warhol, was an American painter, printmaker, and filmmaker who was a leading figure in the visual art movement known as pop art. After a successful career as a commercial illustrator, Warhol became famous for his work as a painter, avant-garde filmmaker, record producer, author, and member of highly diverse social circles.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on August 6, 1928. He began exhibiting his work during the 1950s. It was during the 1960s that Warhol began to make paintings of iconic American products such as Campbell's Soup Cans and Coca-Cola bottles, as well as paintings of celebrities such as Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Troy Donahue, Muhammad Ali and Elizabeth Taylor. He founded "The Factory," his studio, during these years, and socialized with lots of artists, writers, musicians, and underground celebrities. He was generally seen as quiet, shy, and a meticulous observer.

Warhol died in his sleep from a sudden post-operative cardiac arrhythmia after a bladder surgery, on February 22, 1987. at the age of 58.

The highest price ever paid for a Warhol painting is US\$ 100 million for a 1963 canvas titled Eight Elvises. \$100 million is a benchmark price that only Jackson Pollock, Pablo Picasso, Vincent van Gogh, Pierre-August Renoir, Gustav Klimt and Willem de Kooning have achieved.

1. Where was Andy Warhol born?

2. Why did Warhol become famous?

3. When did Andy begin exhibiting his work?

4. What American celebrities did Warhol paint?

5. What was the name of his studio?

6. What's the highest price ever paid for a Warhol painting?

7. How was Warhol generally seen?
