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| <b>Name</b>        | Joan Miro   |
| <b>Born / died</b> | 1893 -1983  |
| <b>Nationality</b> | Spanish   |
| <b>Style</b>       | Surrealist, bold, bright colours and shapes         |
| <b>Media</b>       | Paint, lithographs (prints), sculpture and ceramics |

**Vocabulary:**

**Topic related vocabulary:**

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| scene           | view that you see  |
| surreal         | bizarre, dreamlike   |
| Surrealism      | an art movement involving dreams and reality, very unusual images and ideas, sometimes very abstract |
| Magical realism | realistic style of imaginary scenes  |
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**Facts about the artist:**

- Joan Miró was a Spanish Catalan painter, born in Barcelona in 1893.
- As well as painting, he enjoyed sculpting and printmaking.
- Before he became an artist, he attended business school and worked as a clerk. He painted in different styles throughout his life.
- From 1920, Miró painted in a Magical Realist style. He painted carefully, and made things look quite realistic. Some parts of his paintings seem slightly strange or unusual. The paintings feel almost real, but as if something is not quite right. This creates a feeling that the paintings are magical, or like a dream.
- Later, he became more influenced by Picasso and his paintings became more surreal and unusual.

**Famous pieces:**

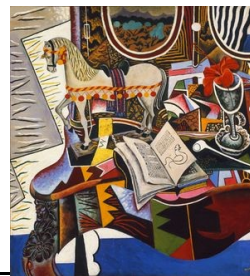
The garden



Catalan Landscape



Horse, pipe and red flower



Moon bird



Plate 2



From 753 BC  
Egyptian art



Born 1893  
Joan Miro



Born 1969  
Christopher Marley



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