

# Roy Lichtenstein

Roy Lichtenstein was born in 1923 in America. He became famous for his colourful pop art paintings and comic book style. Lichtenstein made paintings inspired by comics but.....unlike the paintings, they are enormous!

Lichtenstein used dotty techniques to build up colour and texture like a comic book.

Just like the comics of the day Lichtenstein used few colours in his paintings.



## Art Ideas for all Children

- Children to create comic book graphics. Roy Lichtenstein's use of comic book graphics was pretty revolutionary for his time because it caused people to see popular culture as art. This project can be done on any kind of surface, using markers/felt tips as children will be able to produce sharp, controlled graphics. Start from the outside and work your way in. Using a pencil, draw an outside "frame" such as a star shape, a square or rectangle, a cloud, an oval, or anything you like. With a pencil, sketch another shape as an inside "frame" e.g. a cloud to contrast the sharp lines of the outside star. Next, draw a word that you might see in a comic book. Wham! Pow! Boof! Bang! Bam! You can also use encouraging words. Great job! Hooray! Yay! Terrific! When you've got everything sketched out, colour in the shapes and letters. Outline each element in black to give it definition. Choose one element to add shading dots to, like Lichtenstein did.
- Children to create Lichtenstein style self portraits.
- Roy Lichtenstein's work featured a lot of onomatopoeia, which are words that are associated with a sound, as seen in comic books. Children could create a fun onomatopoeia collage with brightly coloured paper in different shapes and sizes.
- Children create a 'still life' in the style of Lichtenstein.



## Links to Websites

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-roy-lichtenstein>