



Surrealism

Surrealism is a style of literature and art which achieves an effect which is strange and irrational yet still understandable. Characteristics of surrealism include a dream-like quality, symbolism, and collage imagery. Surrealism can sometimes appear realistic at first glance, but can ultimately be hard to follow.

Try your hand at writing in the surrealist style. Complete the pre-writing exercise below. Then write the first draft of a short story that uses surrealism.

What do you want to write a story about? _____

How does your story idea connect to things in the world that you don't understand, which seem chaotic, irrational, or nonsensical to you? How will your story be realistic? How will it NOT be realistic?

Brainstorm different ways you might reflect these thoughts and feelings using the devices below:

dreamlike quality	
symbolism	
collage imagery	