



## ANSWERS

Surrealism is a style of literature and art which achieves an effect which is strange and irrational yet still understandable.

It is a noun. Adj form: surreal

Characteristics: contrasting images or ideas; uses images and metaphors to compel readers to think more deeply; creates a dream-like quality; includes elements that defy logic

Related Words: absurdism, magical realism, realism

Surrealism emerged and rose in popularity as a cultural response to the senseless devastation and unprecedented horrors of World War I.

People no longer thought that the world made sense. Things that used to give live meaning (religion, nationalism, etc.) had not protected people and were no longer comforts against what people now knew was possible. Art no longer seemed to be meaningful either. In response, artists sought to reflect the chaos and irrationality that they saw in the world in their work.