

## Roy Lichtenstein

Roy Lichtenstein was a famous American artist who helped start the Pop Art movement. He made bright, bold pictures that looked like they came straight from comic books. He used thick black lines, primary colours, and tiny dots to make his artwork pop!



### What did he create?

- Comic-style paintings with speech bubbles
- Bright art using dots called *Ben-Day dots*
- Pictures of everyday objects like telephones and soup cans
- Sculptures that looked like 2D drawings
- Art inspired by advertising, cartoons, and classic paintings

### Childhood

- Roy was born on October 27, 1923, in New York City.
- His father was a real estate agent, and his mother was a homemaker who also liked drawing.
- He grew up in a comfortable home in Manhattan.
- As a boy, he loved comic books, cartoons, and science fiction stories.
- He enjoyed drawing, building models, and listening to jazz music.
- He liked visiting art museums with his family.
- He made his own comic strips and copied pictures from books.

### Education

- He first studied briefly at the Parsons School of Design.
- Roy took night classes at the Art Students League of New York when he was a teenager.
- He studied fine art at Ohio State University (OSU), where he learned classical techniques.

- His education was interrupted when he served in the U.S. Army during World War II.
- After the war, he returned to OSU and earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Fine Arts.
- He trained in both traditional painting and modern art styles.
- As a student, he experimented with Cubism and Abstract Expressionism before turning to Pop Art.

## Career

- Roy started his career teaching art at different universities.
- He worked as a commercial artist creating designs and illustrations.
- In the 1960s, he became famous for turning comic book scenes into large artworks.
- His painting *"Look Mickey"* (1961) was one of his first comic-inspired works.
- He created *"Whaam!"* (1963), a huge painting of a jet fighter firing a missile.
- He was part of the Pop Art movement alongside Andy Warhol and others.
- He designed sculptures and murals for public spaces.
- His work was shown in galleries around the world.
- He continued to make art until his death in 1997.

## Art

Reflections on a screen



Sunrise



Explosion



### Quotes from Roy Lichtenstein

“Art doesn’t have to be serious.”

“I want my painting to look as if it had been programmed.”

“Pop Art looks out into the world. It doesn’t look like a painting of something, it looks like the thing itself.”