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Salvador Dali was a surrealism artist. He was born May 11 1904 and died January 23 1989. He was best know for his creativity and personality. Dali grew up in Figueres Spain. His father was very strict and didn't encourage his painting but his mom did and she always supported him.

During his school years Dali was very problematic, drawing and painting was all he was interested in. When he turned 17 he moved to Madrid Spain to study at "The Academy of Fine Arts". Salvador continued to experiment and study different kinds of art. He explored classic art, cubism, Dadaism, and other avant-grade painters. He eventually became interested in surrealism.

Dali's art began to gain international fame. He married Los longtime love Gala and they moved to the United States in 1940. The Spanish civil war took place in the late 1930's and then world war II in the early 1940's. Dali painted pictures depicting the horrors at war.

In 1931 Dali painted what would become one of his most famous painting and perhaps the most famous painting of the surrealism movement. It is titled "The Persistence of Memory" the scene is a normal looking desert landscape, but is covered with melting clocks.

Dali is the most famous of the surrealist artists. His ability to shock and entertain made his paintings popular to many people. Many of today's artists are inspired by Dali's work. "I always saw what others could not see" is something he would say.