

Pop Art Scavenger Hunt

Inspired by Robert Rauschenberg

What is Pop Art?

Pop Art or *Popular Art* is an art movement that began in the 1950's. The artworks are graphic, bold, bright, and based on images of consumer products such as soup and general household packages, photos of celebrities or icons, comic strips, animals, and more. Just about anything found in popular or mass culture could be the subject of Pop Art.



Who was Robert Rauschenberg?

Milton Ernest "Robert" Rauschenberg is considered one of the pioneers of the Pop Art movement. He was an American painter and graphic artist known for using non-traditional materials and everyday objects in his works.

One of the works that Rauschenberg created in 1971 is called *Star Quarters I-IV*. It is a series of four connected silk screened mirrored Plexiglas panels featuring constellations superimposed with figures, symbols and animals.



Star Quarters I-IV is currently on view in the Seattle Tacoma Airport. [See what it looks like installed.](#)

What do YOU see in Rauschenberg's work?

Do you see the flying horse, astronaut, motorcycle, lobster claw, and lion?

Do you see the constellations? Scorpio, Leo, Orion?

What else can you spot?

Because the artwork is a mirror, you can even see your own reflection interacts with the art itself bringing you inside Rauschenberg's universe!

ACTIVITY: Pop Art Scavenger Hunt

What can you find around the house that looks like what you see in *Star Quarters I-IV*?

Look through your stuffed animals, dolls and action figures, and other toys; find pictures in magazines and holiday cards; search for ornaments, compact disks, costume jewelry, star cutouts, feathers, yarn ... the possibilities are endless!

Now you can re-create *Star Quarters I-IV*

Have an adult help you lay a full length mirror carefully on the floor. (If you do not have a mirror use rolled paper, wrapping paper or four sheets of paper placed together to create a large rectangle. Even a baking sheet pan can be used!)

Next, arrange the items you found across the backdrop in the order you see them on Rauschenberg's artwork. Don't forget to connect the constellations with yarn or string so you can see yourself among the stars.

Here's one example of a recreation:



Be sure to share your creations with us on social media: [#NEUtoDoKids](#)