



Salvador Dalí
Spanish, 1904-1989
*Swans Reflecting
Elephants, 1937*

The Artwork:
*Swans Reflecting
Elephants*
<http://k8charterschool.com/art-title-swans-reflecting-elephants>

The Artist
Salvador Dalí

3rd-4th:
http://www.ducksters.com/biography/artists/salvador_dali.php

5th – 8th:
<http://www.biography.com/people/salvador-dal-40389>



Spain, 1492-2016
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-17955805>

**Spanish Civil War
1936-1939**
<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/spanish-civil-war-breaks-out>

Connecting to Standards

- 3.RN.2.1, 3.RN.2.3, 3.W.3.3, 3.RI.7, 3.1.2 (VA), 3.1.3(VA), 3.3.2 (VA)
- 5.RN.2.1, 5.RN.2.3, 5.RN.4.2, 5.W.3.2, 5.RI.1, 5.RI.7, 5.3.2(VA)
- 8.RN.2.2, 8.RN.2.3, 8.W.3.1, 6-8.LH.2.2, 6-8.LH.7.2, 8.1.1 (VA)

Writing Prompts

3rd Grade:

Read Dalí's biography. Based on the information about surrealism and his life, write a narrative that would cause Dalí to create *Swans Reflecting Elephants*. Be sure to use information from the text and features from the artwork in your story.

5th Grade:

Read the information about the artwork and the biography of Dalí. In what ways did the artist's life influence *Swans Reflecting Elephants*? Write an essay citing examples of how the artist's life is present in his work. Be sure to include information from both articles and features from the artwork in your writing.

8th Grade:

Read all four articles about the artwork, artist, and history. Often artists are influenced by both internal and external factors in their work. Write an argument stating whether Dalí's personal life experiences or external historical events are more present in the work, *Swans Reflecting Elephants*. Be sure to include information from all four articles and features from the artwork in your writing.