

Who is Henry Moore?



Henry Spencer Moore (30 tháng 7 năm 1898 – 31 tháng 8 năm 1986) là một nghệ sĩ người Anh. Ông nổi tiếng với các tác phẩm điêu khắc bằng đồng hoành tráng, bán trừu tượng, được đặt ở nhiều nơi trên thế giới như là những tác phẩm nghệ thuật công cộng. Ngoài điêu khắc, Moore còn là họa sĩ, ông đã vẽ loạt tranh The Blitz mô tả người London trong Thế chiến thứ hai, cùng với các tác phẩm đồ họa khác trên giấy.

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 1-13** which are based on Reading Passage 1 below.

Henry Moore (1898-1986)

The British sculptor Henry Moore was a leading figure in the 20th-century art world

A. Henry Moore was born in Castleford, a small town near Leeds in the north of England. He was the seventh child of Raymond Moore and his wife Mary Baker. He studied at Castleford Grammar School from 1909 to 1915, where his early interest in art was **encouraged** (được khuyến khích) by his teacher Alice Gostick. After leaving school, Moore hoped to become a sculptor, but instead he **complied with** (đồng thuận) his father's wish that he train as a schoolteacher. He had to **abandon** (bỏ) his training in 1917 when he was sent to France to fight in the First World War.

B. After the war, Moore **enrolled** (đăng kí học) at the Leeds School of Art, where he studied for two years. In his first year, he spent most of his time drawing. Although he wanted to study sculpture, no teacher was appointed until his second year. At the end of that year, he passed the sculpture examination and was awarded a **scholarship** (học bổng) to the Royal College of Art in London. In September 1921, he moved to London and began three years of advanced study in **sculpture** (điêu khắc).

C. Alongside the instruction he received at the Royal College, Moore visited many of the London museums, particularly the British Museum, which had a wide-ranging collection of ancient sculpture. During these visits, he discovered the power and beauty of ancient Egyptian and African sculpture. As he became increasingly **interested in** (hứng thú) these 'primitive' (nguyên thủy) forms of art, he turned away from European sculptural traditions.

D. After graduating, Moore spent the first six months of 1925 travelling in France. When he visited the Trocadero Museum in Paris, he was **impressed** (được gây ấn tượng) by a cast of a Mayan* sculpture of the rain spirit. It was a male reclining figure with its knees drawn up together, and its head at a right angle to its body. Moore became fascinated with this stone sculpture, which he thought had a power and originality that no other stone sculpture possessed. He himself started carving a variety of subjects in stone, including **depiction** (phác họa, mô tả) of reclining women, mother-and-child groups, and masks.

E. Moore's **exceptional talent** (tài năng xuất chúng) soon gained recognition, and in 1926 he started work as a sculpture instructor at the Royal College. In 1933, he became a member of a group of young artists called Unit One. The aim of the group was to convince the English public of the merits of the emerging international movement in modern art and architecture.

F. Around this time, Moore moved away from the human figure to experiment with abstract (*trừu tượng*) shapes. In 1931, he held an exhibition at the Leicester Galleries in London. His work was enthusiastically welcomed by fellow sculptors, but the reviews in the press were extremely negative and turned Moore into a **notorious figure** (*nhân vật tai tiếng*). There were calls for his **resignation** (*từ chức*) from the Royal College, and the following year, when his contract expired, he left to start a sculpture department at the Chelsea School of Art in London.

G. Throughout the 1930s, Moore did not show any **inclination** (*khuyến hướng*) to **please** (*làm hài lòng*) the British public. He became interested in the paintings of the Spanish artist Pablo Picasso, whose work inspired him to **distort** (*bóp méo*) the human body in a radical way. At times, he seemed to abandon the human figure altogether. The pages of his sketchbooks from this period show his ideas for abstract sculptures that bore little **resemblance** (*sự liên tưởng*) to the human form.

H. In 1940, during the Second World War, Moore **stopped** teaching at the Chelsea School and moved to a farmhouse about 20 miles north of London. A shortage of materials forced him to focus on drawing. He did numerous small sketches of Londoners, later turning these ideas into large coloured drawings in his studio. In 1942, he returned to Castleford to make a series of sketches of the miners who worked there.

I. In 1944, Harlow, a town near London, offered Moore a **commission** (*tiền hoa hồng*) for a sculpture depicting a family. The resulting work signifies a dramatic change in Moore's style, away from the experimentation of the 1930s towards a more natural and humanistic subject matter. He did dozens of studies in **clay** (*đất sét*) for the sculpture, and these were cast in bronze and issued in editions of seven to nine copies each. In this way, Moore's work became available to collectors all over the world. The boost to his income enabled him to take on ambitious projects and start working on the scale he felt his sculpture demanded.

J. Critics who had begun to think that Moore had become less revolutionary were proven wrong by the appearance, in 1950, of the first of Moore's series of standing figures in bronze, with their harsh and angular pierced forms and distinct impression of menace. Moore also varied his subject matter in the 1950s with such works as *Warrior with Shield* and *Falling Warrior*. These were rare examples of Moore's use of the male figure and owe something to his visit to Greece in 1951, when he had the opportunity to study ancient works of art.

K. In his final years, Moore created the Henry Moore Foundation to promote art appreciation and to display his work. Moore was the first modern English sculptor to achieve international critical acclaim and he is still regarded as one of the most important sculptors of the 20th century.

Questions 1-7

Do the following statements agree with the claims of the writer in Reading

Passage 1?

In boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this

- 1 On leaving school, Moore did what his father wanted him to do.
- 2 Moore began studying sculpture in his first term at the Leeds School of Art.
- 3 When Moore started at the Royal College of Art, its reputation for teaching sculpture was excellent.
- 4 Moore became aware of ancient sculpture as a result of visiting London Museums.
- 5 The Trocadero Museum's Mayan sculpture attracted a lot of public interest.
- 6 Moore thought the Mayan sculpture was similar in certain respects to other stone sculptures.
- 7 The artists who belonged to Unit One wanted to make modern art and architecture more popular.

Questions 8-13 Complete the notes below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 8-13 on your answer sheet.

Moore's career as an artist

1930s

- Moore's exhibition at the Leicester Galleries is criticised by the press
- Moore is urged to offer his **8**..... and leave the Royal College.

1940s

- Moore turns to drawing because **9**..... for sculpting are not readily available
- While visiting his hometown, Moore does some drawings of **10**.....
- Moore is employed to produce a sculpture of a **11**.....
- **12**..... start to buy Moore's work
- Moore's increased **13**..... makes it possible for him to do more ambitious sculptures

1950s

- Moore's series of bronze figures marks a further change in his style