MODULE 6 – READING COMPREHENSION

Student:	

Language Through the Arts

Art

Do you like abstract art?

Yayoi Kusama- Conceptual Art

Yayoi Kusama

Yayoi Kusama was born in Matsumoto, Japan in 1929, in a society where women had little or no voice, and even less so in the arts. In 1957, at the age of 28, she moved to New York to look for a new way to express her artistic mind and spirit.

At the age of 10, Yayoi Kusama met the world of color, sculpture, and modeling arts for the first time. Since then, she has been fascinated with it. She began creating works of art where fantasy and reality came together in places where nothing was what it seemed. These works intended to reflect the hallucinations that her own mind was producing. They were the solution Kusama thought of to counteract the effects of her mental disorder. She simply painted what she saw. She is part of the pop art movement. She also became a writer and film producer. Today she continues to present in art exhibitions around the world and in her home country of Japan.

Yayoi Kusama has a special obsession with polka dots. Choose any object you like and paint it using the artist's style.

For example: A pair of shoes or any common object.

Bring the object you have painted with polka dots and show it to your classmates. Explain why you chose to paint that item and what you think about the style.

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Part A. True or False

Write **T** for True or **F** for False.

1. _____ Yayoi Kusama was born in Japan in 1929.
2. _____ She moved to New York when she was 18 years old.
3. _____ Kusama has always painted realistic landscapes.
4. _____ Today, she presents her art in exhibitions around the world.

Part B. Gap-Fill Information

Complete the sentences using words from the reading.

- Yayoi Kusama was born in _____.
- In _____, she moved to New York.
- Kusama has a special obsession with polka _____

Part C. Vocabulary

Match the words with their meanings.

WORD	MEANING
Obsession	A person who creates art.
Artist	A strong interest in something.

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Part D. Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answer.

Why did Yayoi Kusama become interested in art?

Because her parents were famous artists.

Because she met the world of color, sculpture, and modeling arts when she was ten years old.

Because she studied art in New York as a child.

Because she wanted to become a writer.

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