

# create your own surreal game

## Materials needed:

Poster board or any large paper, construction paper, index cards, Model Magic or clay, pencil, markers, crayons or colored pencils

## How to do it:

### Grades 6-12

1. Take time to review the Dalínian symbols on the next pages. Pick a few that you like and are meaningful to you. These symbols will feature in your surreal game.
2. Fill out the worksheet below to develop your game.
3. Finally, make a prototype with the art materials available. Make playing cards, game pieces and your game board. Don't forget to make it surreal!







## How this project relates to Dalí:

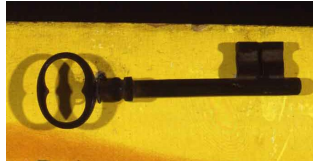
Surrealist artists like Dalí played games to stimulate spontaneity and to unlock the unconscious. Dalí developed his own visual language by using symbols in his art. Knowing the meanings of Dalí's symbols can help to unlock a new understanding Dalí and his art.



Gala and Salvador Dalí playing chess

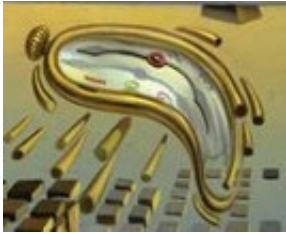
## Dalínian Symbols:

	<p><b>ants</b></p> <p>Ants symbolize death, decay, and the potential for destruction. Dalí repeatedly used ants in his work after seeing them eat the remains of small animals when he was young.</p>
	<p><b>bread</b></p> <p>Bread is an important, universal symbol of nourishment and the necessity of food to sustain life. Bread is also a religious symbol (represents the body of Christ) and can tell us about cultures and traditions.</p>
	<p><b>crutch</b></p> <p>The crutch represents death, snobbery, and comfort in old age. Dalí used the crutch to symbolize the need for emotional and physical support at various parts of one's life.</p>
	<p><b>egg</b></p> <p>The egg symbolizes birth, love, and hope. This symbol is very important because it also represents his wife Gala's gaze and the resurrection of Christ.</p>
	<p><b>fly</b></p> <p>The fly's multifaceted eyes make it a symbol for multiple ways of seeing. The gadfly is also an iconic symbol in Spanish history and culture.</p>
	<p><b>grasshopper</b></p> <p>Grasshoppers represent fear and horror because Dalí was afraid of grasshoppers as a child.</p>



### key

The key represents unlocking the mind and the hidden ideas in the subconscious.



### melting clock

The melting clocks are symbols for the lack of meaning and fluidity of time in the dream world.



### nanny

Dalí's childhood nursemaid, Lucia, appears in his art as a symbol for childhood memories.



### daddy longlegs

The French believe that seeing this spider in the evening is a symbol of hope.

**Outline your game:**

**Name your game:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which game will you model your Surreal game after?**

(Monopoly, Candyland, checkers/chess, Memory, Clue etc.)

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**The object of the game (how do you win?):**

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**The rules of the game:**

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**How many can play?** \_\_\_\_\_

### What game pieces will you use?

(player pieces, cards, tokens, dice, paper money etc.)

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### What will your game board look like?

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### What will others learn when playing your game?

(Facts about Dalí's life? Stories and meaning found in Dalí's paintings?)

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### Which Dalínian symbols will you use in your game?

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