Rene Magritte was born in Lessines, Belgium in 1898. He was a visual artist primarily known for his oil paintings. He is most often associated with the Surrealists, a group of artists who were concerned with creating art work that came from the unconscious mind. Surrealists often painted their dreams, creating images that didn’t always make sense to the viewer. Magritte would often pair unusual objects together to create his surreal images. Magritte is recognized for his humorous, witty, thought-provoking approach to surrealism.

**MATERIALS:**
- White Paper
- Oil Pastel
- Watercolor
- Scissors

**STEP 1:**
Choose an animal you’d like to use for your project. Then choose whether you’d like to paint them black like the night sky, or blue like the daytime sky.

**STEP 2:**
Use an oil pastel to draw the details into your animal outline. If your animal is blue, use a white oil pastel to draw clouds. If your animal is black, use a yellow oil pastel to draw stars.

**STEP 3:**
Grab a blank piece of paper and some oil pastels to draw out a habitat for your animal. Where does your animal live?

**STEP 4:**
Use the liquid watercolors to paint your sky! Watch as the oil pastel resists the water color. If your animal is black, your sky will be blue. If your animal is blue, your sky will be black.

**STEP 5:**
Following the outline, use a pair of scissors to cut your animal out.

**STEP 6:**
Paste your animal onto the sheet and you’re all done!