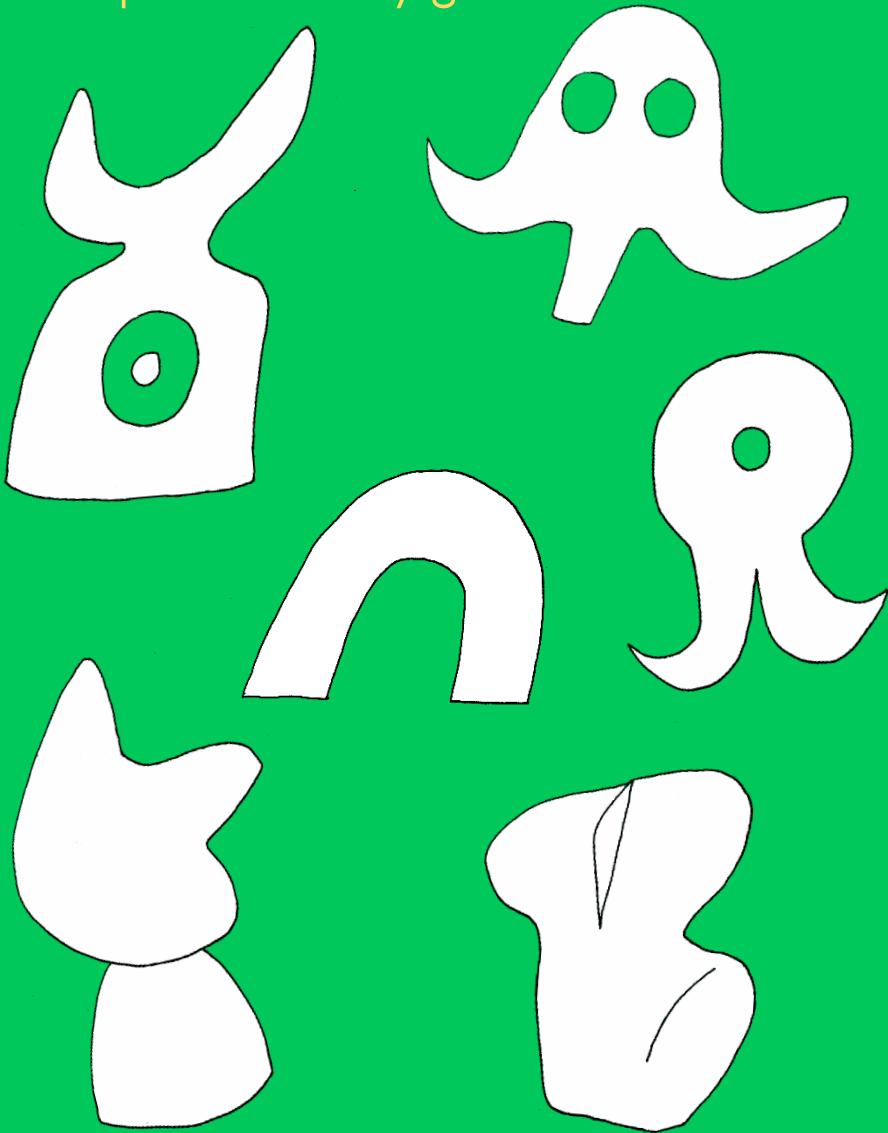


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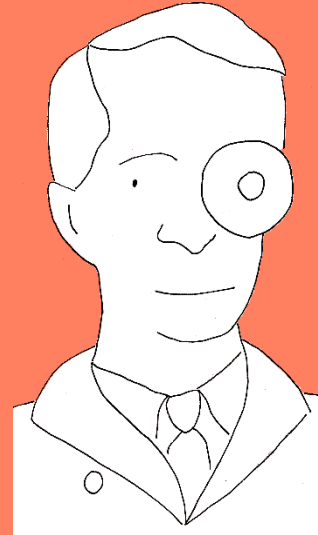
a poetic family guide



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Jean (Hans) Arp



There was once an artist named Hans,
Whose name said in French would be Jean.
He was inspired by chance;
He let papers fall and dance;
And today his legend lives on.

He wrote poetic words on the page,
And often he made up his age.
He traveled afar,
and opposed a world war.
You might say the world was his stage!

- Jean (Hans) Arp was born in 1886, but he often fibbed and told people he was born in 1887.
- Arp was born in Alsace, which was an area bordered by France, Germany and Switzerland.
- From a young age Arp loved poetry and drawing.
- Arp created drawings, prints, books, textiles, collages, reliefs and sculptures!

Write a poem about yourself here:

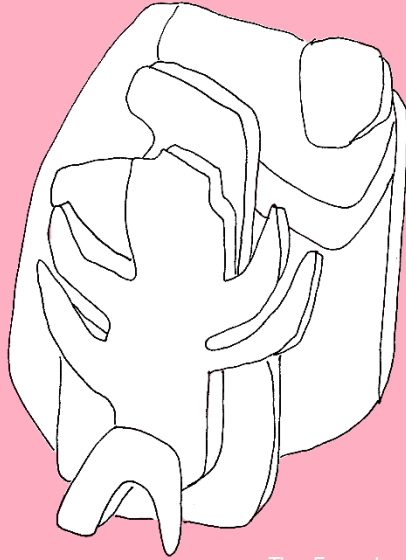
Nature

Think about the world outside,
How nature works its ways:

Like how a leaf falls to the ground,
How plants grow towards sun rays.

Arp looked at the natural world
and took its laws to heart.

He used chance and repetition
as ways to make his art.



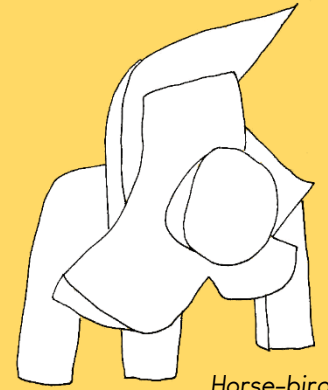
The Forest
(Terrestrial
Forms), 1916

Arp was inspired by nature and
its processes like chance, gravity
and growth. Arp wanted to make
art the way stones broke off from
the mountain or the way flowers
bloomed.

What do you see in nature that gives you great ideas for art?

Hybrids

A horse with a bird, of course.
A mustache and a hat:
What do you think about that?



Horse-bird,
1916

Combining is the thing to do
when you make up something new!

Can you locate some of Arp's hybrids?
(Example: Mustache Hat, Torso with Buds or Horse-Bird)

Find two objects in the galleries or garden and think about how
you could combine them to create something new.

My hybrid: _____

Collaboration

Arp worked together with his wife, Sophie Taeuber-
Arp, and friends to create duo-drawings.



Work with a family member or friend to
make a collaborative drawing:

One, two,
He drew a shoe.

Three, four,
She added a floor.

Five, Six,
added some bricks.

Seven, Eight,
it turned out great!

Drawing with more
than one,
You can get
so much done.