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Max Ernst: The Surrealist Innovator

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Imagine encountering Max Ernst's "The Elephant Celebes" in an art gallery. Describe your initial thoughts and feelings about the artwork, and speculate about its possible meaning and message.
2. Analyze the relationship between Max Ernst's early involvement with Dadaism and his later contributions to Surrealism. How did his artistic evolution reflect the changing ideals of these art movements?
3. Max Ernst's use of found objects and materials in his art challenged conventional notions of artistic creation. Discuss the significance of this approach in Surrealism and its impact on the art world.
4. Reflect on Max Ernst's decision to seek exile during World War II. How did this period of his life affect his art, and what role did art play during times of crisis and displacement?

