

WORKSHEET

PLAY EXQUISITE CORPSE

These instructions for playing Exquisite Corpse were originally published in a 1927 issue of the Surrealist journal *La revolution Surrealiste*. Play a round with your family or friends (ideally in groups of four). Use the blank side of this worksheet if you wish. The instructions can be adapted to make drawings, collages, and poems.

1. A piece of paper is folded into the same number of sections as there are participants.
2. The paper is unfolded and given to the first player, who draws in the first space, spontaneously, leaving slight traces of lines extending into the next section. The player then folds the paper over to hide what he or she drew.
3. Each player continues the drawings in their successive section, taking cues from the bits of lines that their predecessor left visible.
4. When the last player has finished, the sheet is opened to reveal the full drawings.

Reflect. What was it like to draw or write without seeing the other sections? Are you pleased with the results? How do you think your drawings or poems would have differed if you'd had a chance to view the previous contributions?

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