



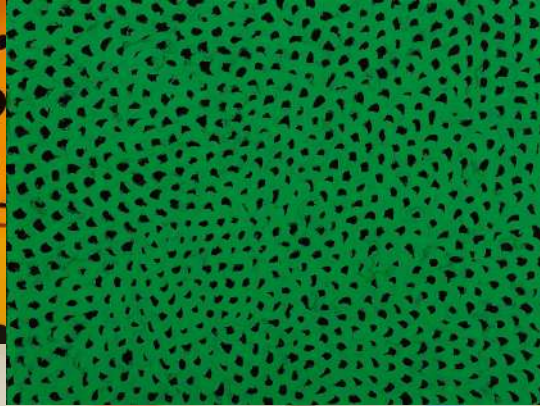
# Yayoi Kusama, Dot Artist



## Her Life



- Yayoi was born in Japan in 1929.
- She started creating art as a young girl but was discouraged by her mother.
- She was born with a mental illness that caused her to hallucinate, which means she saw things that weren't there. She would see flashes of light, flowers that spoke to her, auras and dense fields of dots.





# Work



- In the 1950s Yayoi moved to New York City to start her art career.
- Yayoi used her hallucinations as inspirations for her art.
- She created large scale artworks of dots, a series she entitled, "Infinity Nets".
- She is most famous for her dots, pumpkin sculptures and interactive rooms that can be touched and walked through.
- Yayoi Kusama put her creativity in other things music, design, writing and fashion.





## Fun Yayoi Kusama Videos







Many artists use the same subject in their artwork. The subject of an artwork can be compared to the Main Idea of a story. Just like Yayoi with her dots, Andy Warhol with his celebrity portraits and Georgia O'Keeffe with her flowers, these were all common subjects in their paintings. Sometimes many paintings of the same subject can be called a series or collection like Yayoi's "Infinity Nets"

If you were an artist what would be the subject of your artworks?

Are you fascinated by anything?

Do you enjoy drawing the same object over and over again?

What would be the title of your Series?

**Respond on Schoology with a typed response or record yourself speaking. You can also share any artwork you've created with the same subjects.**