

# Henry Moore

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I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the years'.

~Henry Moore

To be an artist is to believe in life.

~Henry Moore

One never knows what each day is going to bring. The important thing is to be open and ready for it.

~Henry Moore

If I set out to sculpt a standing man and it becomes a lying woman, I know I am making art.

~Henry Moore

Art is the expression of imagination, not the reproduction of reality.

~Henry Moore

The creative habit is like a drug. The particular obsession changes, but the excitement, the thrill of your creation lasts.

~Henry Moore

The important thing is somehow to begin.

~Henry Moore

In my opinion, everything, every shape, every bit of natural form, animals, people, pebbles, shells, anything you like are all things that can help you to make a sculpture.

~Henry Moore

A sculptor is a person obsessed with the form and the shape of things, and it's not just the shape of any one thing, but the shape of any thing and everything.

~Henry Moore

The observation of nature is part of an artist's life, it enlarges his form [and] knowledge, keeps him fresh and from working only by formula, and feeds inspiration.

~Henry Moore

Painting and sculpture help other people to see what a wonderful world we live in.

~Henry Moore

The soul cannot thrive in the absence of art.

~Henry Moore

I have always liked drawing, when you draw you see things more intensely.

~Henry Moore

Sculpture is an art of the open air... I would rather have a piece of my sculpture put in a landscape, almost any landscape, than in, or on, the most beautiful building I know.

~Henry Moore

A work can have in it a pent-up energy, an intense life of its own, independent of the subject it may represent.

~Henry Moore

I find drawing a useful outlet for ideas for which there is not time enough to realize as sculpture... And I sometimes draw just for its own enjoyment.

~Henry Moore

A sculptor is a person who is interested in the shape of things, a poet in words, a musician by sounds.

~Henry Moore

To know one thing, you must know the opposite.

~Henry Moore

It is a mistake for a sculptor or a painter to speak or write very often about his job. It releases tension needed for his work.

~Henry Moore

The whole of nature is an endless demonstration of shape and form. It always surprises me when artists try to escape from this.

~Henry Moore

You must always be open to your luck. You cannot force it, but you can recognize it.

~Henry Moore

Clever people can copy the handwriting of an artist - it's like forging a person's signature.

~Henry Moore

I think, what has this day brought me, and what have I given it?

~Henry Moore

Being an artist is celebrating life.

~Henry Moore

The observation of nature is part of an artist's life.

~Henry Moore

You leave space for the body, imagining the other part even though it isn't there.

~Henry Moore

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~Henry Moore

Nothing raises the price of a blessing like its removal; whereas, it was its continuance which should have taught us its value. [It is wise to be grateful of what we have while we have it.]

~Henry Moore

There is nothing greater than enthusiasm.

~Henry Moore

The construction of the human figure, its tremendous variety of balance, of size, of rhythm, all those things make the human form much more difficult to get right in a drawing than anything else.

~Henry Moore

Discipline in art is a fundamental struggle to understand oneself, as much as to understand what one is drawing.

~Henry Moore

A piece of sculpture can have a hole through it and not be weakened if the hole is of a studied size, shape, and direction.

~Henry Moore

One mustn't let technique be the consciously important thing. It should be at the service of expressing the form.

~Henry Moore

I'm very grateful that I was too poor to get to art school until I was 21. . . . I was old enough when I got there to know how to get something out of it.

~Henry Moore

Talking about one's work releases the energy and tension to do and make.

~Henry Moore

Our knowledge of shape and form remains, in general, a mixture of visual and of tactile experiences... A child learns about roundness from handling a ball far more than from looking at it.

~Henry Moore

Art is a continuous activity with no separation between past and present.

~Henry Moore

Art is to make our lives richer and fuller.

~Henry Moore

The first hole made through a piece of stone is a revelation.

~Henry Moore

Art is not to do with the practical side of making a living. It's to live a fuller human life.

~Henry Moore

I would like my work to be thought of as a celebration of life and nature.

~Henry Moore

I don't know of any good work of art that doesn't have a mystery.

~Henry Moore

All art is an abstraction to some degree.

~Henry Moore

Abstraction means getting away from a visual interpretation but nearer to an emotional one.

~Henry Moore

Never think of the surface except as an extension of a volume.

~Henry Moore

People think that they see, but they don't.

~Henry Moore

There is a right physical size for every idea.

~Henry Moore

All the arts are based on the senses. What they do for the person who practices them, and also the persons interested in them, is make that particular sense more active and more acute.

~Henry Moore

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