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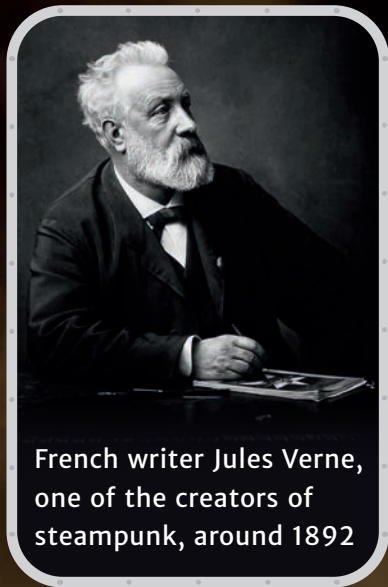


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What Is Steampunk?

“Steampunk” is a **concept**, or idea, that first appeared in the novels of nineteenth-century writers such as Jules Verne. The introduction of machines powered by steam during the nineteenth century caused major changes in people’s lives. Jules Verne was inspired by these changes and imagined a world that was completely steam powered – including cars, airships, and even computers!

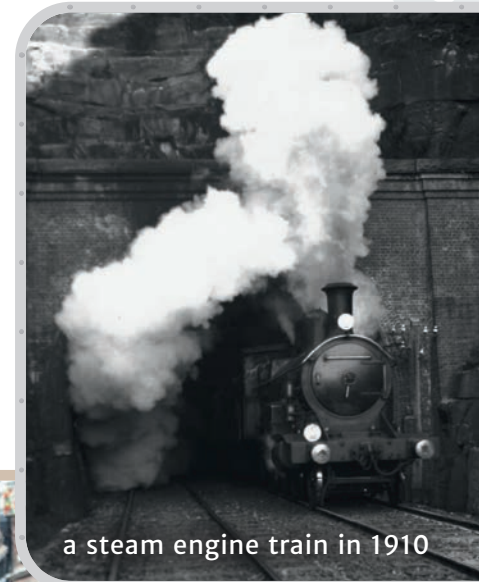


French writer Jules Verne, one of the creators of steampunk, around 1892



Jules Verne imagined what airships would look like if they were powered by steam.

Since then, there have been many novels, TV shows, comics, movies and video games that use steampunk as their “look”. To make the steampunk style come alive, things are made to look like parts from steam-powered machines, and everyone wears a clothing style from over a hundred years ago.

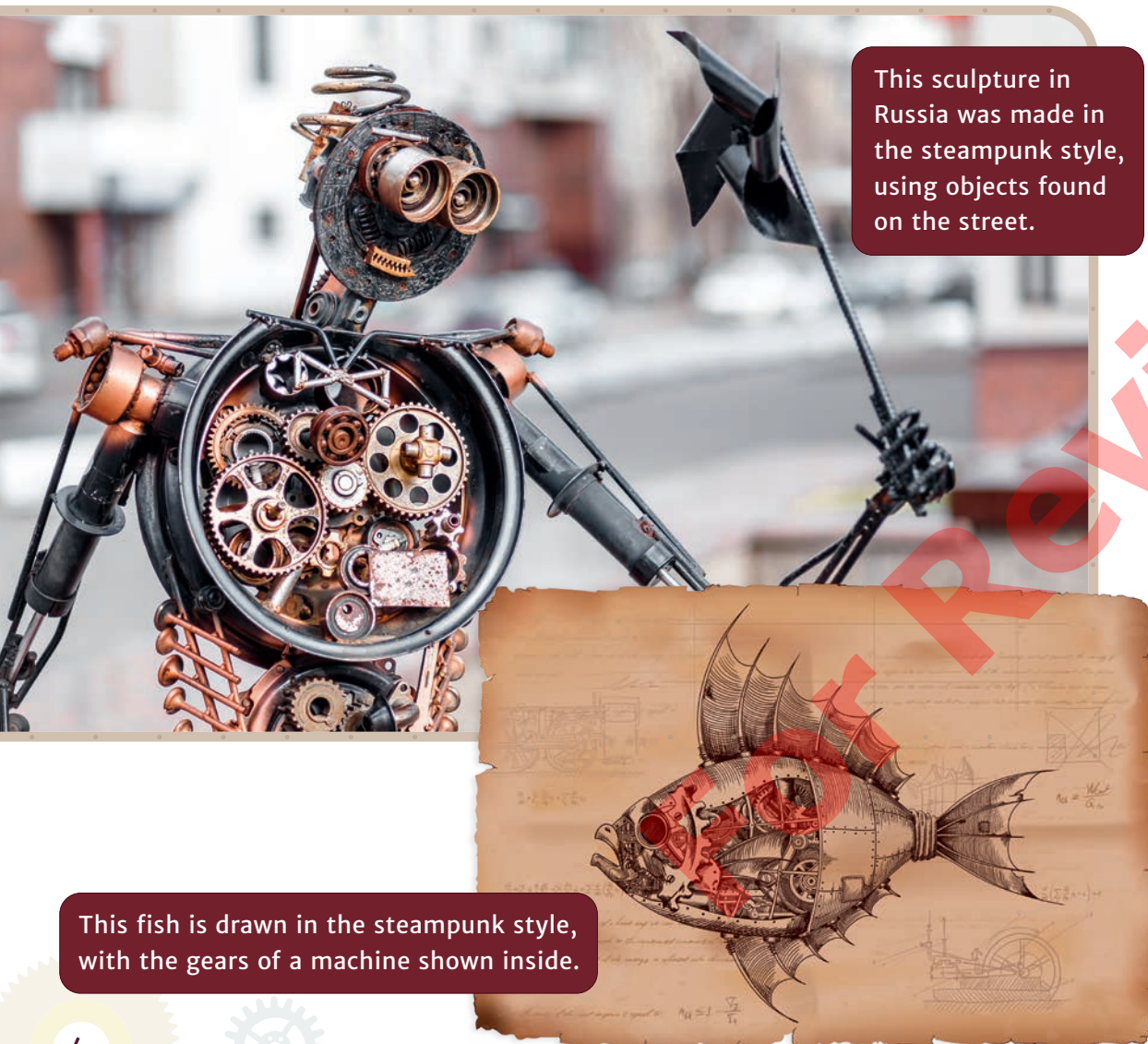


a steam engine train in 1910



People dress up in steampunk fashion for festivals around the world, such as this music festival in England.

Steampunk can also be inspiration for making artworks and sculptures of the natural world. For example, an insect artwork could be made with springs and clockwork gears held together by bolts, or a turtle sculpture could be built as a steam-powered, **armoured** machine.

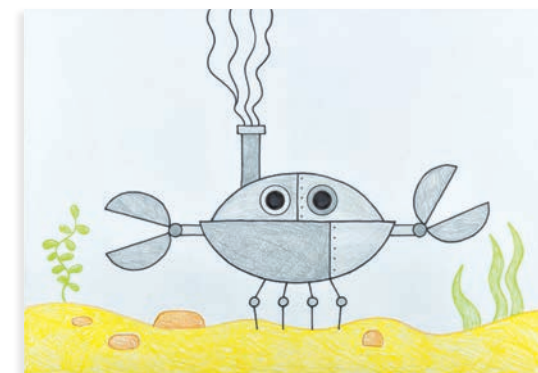


This sculpture in Russia was made in the steampunk style, using objects found on the street.

This fish is drawn in the steampunk style, with the gears of a machine shown inside.

Find out how to draw a **fictitious**, or make-believe, four-legged steampunk crab that has a steam engine chimney, a ship's portholes for eyes and giant, machine-like claws to pick objects up from the ocean floor.

Then, make a **sculpture** of a **metallic** steampunk crab that moves using **magnets**!



Draw a Steampunk Crab

Goal

To draw a crab in the steampunk style

Materials

- an A3 sheet of paper
- a pencil
- a black marker
- an eraser
- coloured pencils or markers, including a silver or grey colour

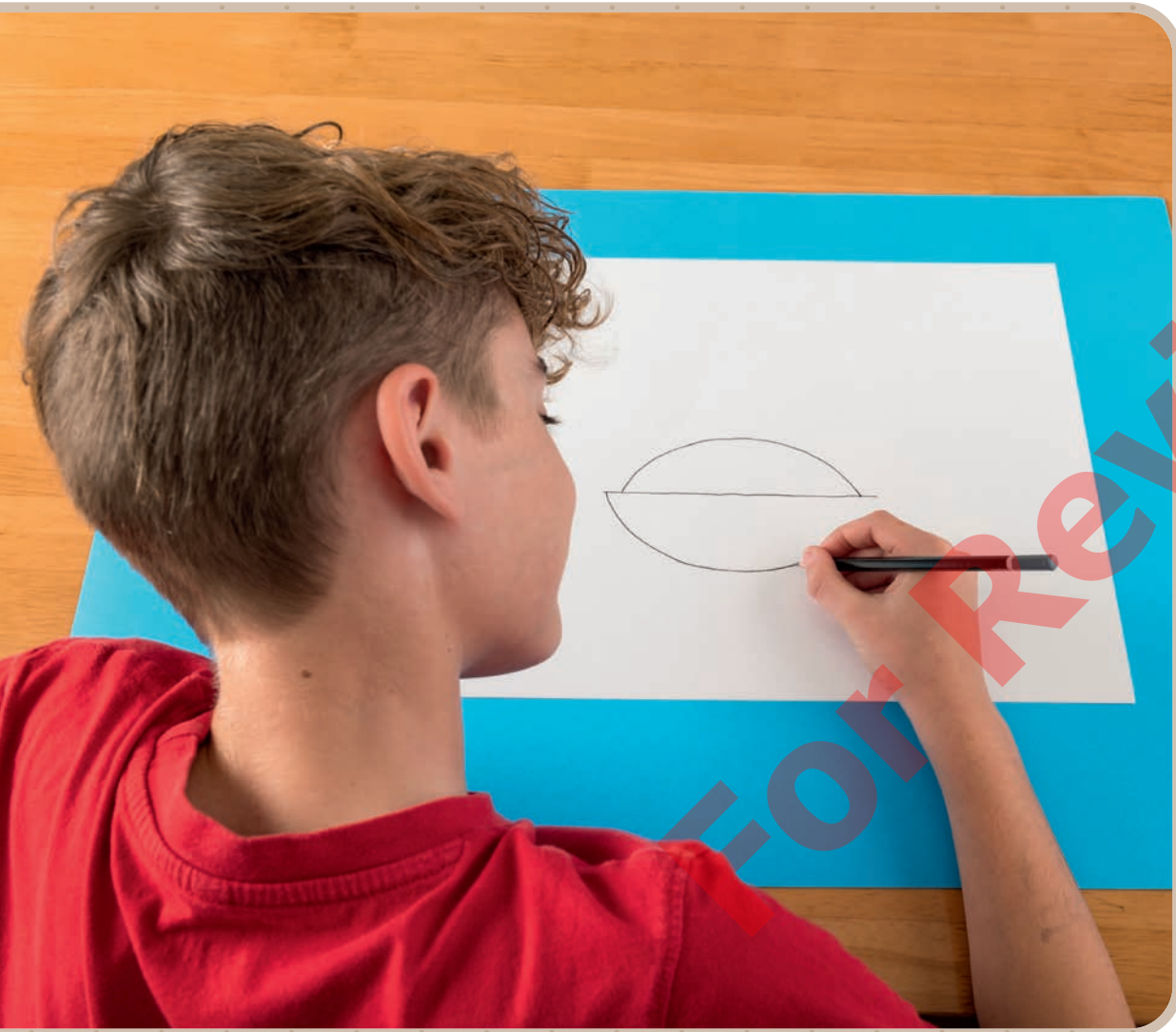


Steps

1. On the sheet of paper, use the pencil to draw half of a wide oval, with the flat, horizontal side at the bottom. This will be the crab's head.



2. Draw another half of an oval directly underneath the first one. Make the second one a little wider, with its flat side at the top, so that it shares the first oval's straight edge. This will be the crab's body.



3. Next, give the crab some eyes. In the top half-oval, draw two large circles. Then, draw a smaller circle inside each large one. To make the eyes look like a ship's portholes, colour in the smaller circles with the pencil.

