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Worksheet No. 2b

Parameters of George Grosz

- George Grosz was born in 1893 in Berlin.
- From 1909 to 1911 Grosz went to Königliche Kunstakademie in Dresden and he got a certificate of honor there.
- He started studying in 1912 at the Atelier of Emil Orlik in Berlin.
- Grosz announced himself as a volunteer at the beginning of the war in 1914. But he was dismissed in 1916 because of a suppurative frontal sinusitis.
- George Grosz considered himself as a humanist and he has been critical with the enthusiasm for the war, however, initially he got carried away. But the euphoria soon abated and horror and disgust remained. Grosz said that the time of war had a negative impact on him.
- Because of his aversion against the warring Germany, Georg Grosz changed his name into the American version George Grosz.
- 1917 he was called up once again, but he revolted so he got finally dismissed.
- George Grosz moved 1933 to New York, shortly before the Nazis came to power in Germany.
- Grosz and his family came back to Germany in 1959, but he died not even one month after arriving in Berlin because of heart failure.