

## Art 1

### Modern to Contemporary Art

#### Possible Research Paper Topics

Please choose a topic to write your research paper on that relates to western art theory and history after 1945. Several artists and topics are listed below but you are not restricted to this list. Your topic must be appropriate to our class and will need to be approved by the instructor.

Marina Abramovic – Performance artist  
Vito Acconci – Performance artist  
Francis Bacon – Figurative Expressionist  
Matthew Barney – Contemporary artist  
Jean Michel Basquiat – Neo-Expressionist  
Lynda Benglis - Feminist Sculptor  
Louise Bourgeois – Contemporary sculptor  
Chris Burden – Performance artist  
Judy Chicago – Feminist  
Christo and Jeanne-Claude – Site-specific  
Willem De Kooning – Figurative Expressionist  
Robert Frank – Beat photographer  
Helen Frankenthaler – Modern painter  
Lucien Freud – Figurative painter  
Nan Goldin – Contemporary photographer  
Felix Gonzales Torres – Installation artist  
Gutai Art Association – Japanese Ab Ex  
David Hammons – Contemporary artist  
Eva Hesse – Minimalist sculptor  
Damien Hirst – Contemporary artist  
Jenny Holzer – Installation artist  
Jasper Johns – Neo Dada  
Donald Judd – Minimalist sculptor  
Mike Kelley – Contemporary sculptor  
Edward & Nancy Kienholz – Installation artists  
Yves Kline – Conceptual artist  
Jeff Koons – Contemporary artist  
Lee Krasner – Abstract Expressionist  
Barabara Kruger – Contemporary artist  
Sherrie Levine – Contemporary artist  
Roy Lichtenstein – Pop painter  
Sally Mann – Contemporary photographer  
Barry McGee – Graffiti artist  
Ana Mendieta – Performance artist  
Yasumasa Morimura – Contemporary artist  
Robert Motherwell – Abstract Expressionist  
Ron Mueck – Contemporary sculptor  
Murakami – Contemporary Japanese artist  
Elizabeth Murray – Neo-expressionist  
Shirin Neshat – Contemporary artist  
Barnett Newman – Color Field painter  
Claes Oldenburg – Pop sculptor  
Yoko Ono – Conceptualist

Jackson Pollock – modern painter  
Robert Rauschenberg – Neo Dada  
Gerhard Richter – Contemporary painter  
James Rosenquist – Pop painter  
Mark Rothko – Color Field painter  
David Salle – Neo-Expressionist  
Carolee Schneemann – Feminist  
Richard Serra – Minimalist sculptor  
Andres Serrano – Contemporary photo  
Cindy Sherman – Contemporary photo  
Kiki Smith – Contemporary sculptor  
Robert Smithson – Earthwork artist  
James Turrell – Earthwork artist  
Kara Walker – Installation artist  
Andy Warhol – Pop artist

Action vs. abstraction  
Anti Form  
Appropriation  
Art Brut and Bataille  
The artist's body and performance art  
Body Politics  
Competing sensibilities after WWII  
Considering the sign (semiotics)  
The Culture Wars  
The death and return of painting  
Duchamp's Urinal and Pop Art  
European art after WWII  
Existential angst in post WWII American art  
The gap in between  
The global art market  
Greenberg vs. Rosenberg  
Greenbergian formalism and American ideals  
Identity politics  
Illness as metaphor  
Influence of Feminism  
Male, homosexual and transgendered gaze  
Modernism vs. Postmodernism  
Performing race and the authentic self  
The Pictures Generation  
Postmodern architecture  
Post-Post Modernism  
Walter Benjamin and the aura