

Art 1

Name _____

Modern to Contemporary Art

Due Date _____

You earned _____ out of 20 possible points

Research Paper Plan

What distinguishes Art History papers from the papers you might be asked to write in other courses? Perhaps the biggest difference creates the biggest challenge: in Art History papers, you must be able to create an argument about what you see. In short, you have to translate the visual into the verbal. To do this you must be familiar with visual language and various art historical methodologies.

Second - and perhaps most important - you need to learn not only to describe what you see, but to craft your description so that it delivers some argument or point of view. A good art history paper will not simply offer a haphazard description of the elements of a painting, sculpture, or building. You must consider what it is you want to say about a work of art and use your description to make that point. As well, you must be able to utilize the art historical methodologies to support your ideas and give credibility to your arguments. In short, you must master the art of simultaneously analyzing and describing the work of art you have chosen to discuss.

from Dartmouth's guide to writing an art history paper - <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/humanities/arthistory.html>
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You are required to discuss at least three artworks in your paper - identify three works you will research.

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What is the main point or theme of your paper (other than to fulfill course requirements)?

What arguments or positions do you plan to make in your paper about these works?

By this point in the semester, you should have begun to search for books and articles considering your topic. List at least 10 keywords and/ or phrases you have, or soon plan to, search for.

Map out your plans by either writing an outline, listing ideas and connecting them, making a diagram, drawing the various components of your paper out, or word clouding the essential elements of your paper. (see <http://hubpages.com/hub/How-to-Organize-Research-Papers> for diagramming ideas and <http://www.wordle.net/> for a Word Cloud builder.)

In addition, what are you interested in finding out more about?
