

Lecture and Reading Notes
Chapter 1: The Nature of Art

Key Images

Stonehenge. C. 2000 BCE.

Key Terms

Collage

Media

Mixed-media

Utilitarian

Questions to Consider

- How do the dictionary and your textbook define art? What problems, if any do you see with these definitions?
- How do you define art? How does your definition differ from that of the textbook and the dictionary?
- What characterizes an artist? Do you feel that anyone can be an artist? Why or why not?
- What is the subject of art? What things does art examine?
- Do you feel that art is a necessity? Why or why not?
- What six purposes of art are outlined in your textbook? Explain these purposes, and how they function in a work of art.
- Is art made with the purpose of spiritual sustenance always religious?
- Why is it a worthwhile effort to study, examine and appreciate art?