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Dear AP Art History Student:

So you've registered for AP Art History next year! Welcome! Included in this packet are instructions for completing your summer work requirements. Your summer work is worth the equivalent of your first big summative grade. It is advised that you do a little at a time and plan accordingly. Read through the packet carefully and completely before starting any one part.

Art History is unlike any other academic course you've taken. It is a unique approach that is built on the foundation of accessing historical events through the lens of art. The AP art history course attempts to connect a great number of academic subjects that include, but are not limited to, science, philosophy, culture, history, visual arts and even mathematics (The Acropolis!!).

You will be required to access and comment on the AP Art History course Schoology. More guidance will be provided in the fall, but any specific platform used will be updated regularly with pertinent information, announcements, interesting articles, links to videos and news as well as assignments, directions to completing assignments, study guides, vocab and much more.

I look forward to meeting you and hitting the ground running in August when we return. I will be collecting ALL your summer work the first few days of class within Schoology, so please have it ready to go. To do that, you will find enclosed the required work that is expected to be done over the summer. This work will be your first major test grade(s) and should be done over the course of the summer, not in the week prior to the start of school.

We are going to have a fantastic class!

Sincerely,
Mr. Miller



Join our class Remind group.
Text the message @fab39fb to 81010.

Also don't forget to purchase the textbooks
that you will be able to keep at home,
highlight, and make notes within.

Have a great summer.

AP Art History

Introduction

The central questions in this course include the following: *What is art and how is it made? Why and how does art change? How do we describe our thinking about art?* Through these essential questions, students explore the big ideas of AP Art History, effectively and precisely articulating an artwork's meaning and function, its maker's methodology, and the ways it reflects and affects its historical and cultural context [CR2]. With these core questions as the foundation, this course is organized into ten cultural/chronological units, emphasizing daily practice of questioning techniques, methods of discussion, analytical paradigms, guided discovery, and independent learning. These enable our students to develop critical thinking and visual literacy skills with which they can mine meaning from any artwork they encounter throughout their lives.

Required Materials for AP Art History:

- 3-ring binder with dividers for each content area (10 of them) filled with the flash card templates for the required works in that section, and lined paper for extra note-taking.
- Art History does not have a textbook however, we read from a variety of sources. These sources will always stay in the class. It is **STRONGLY** advised that you purchase three short books, available on Amazon for roughly \$25 each, which are of tremendous help -- *The Annotated Mona Lisa, The Annotated Arch, and Barron's Guide to AP Art History*.
- Colored pens & highlighters for marking text, writing samples and scoring.

Textbooks:

Barons Guide to AP Art History

Annotated Mona Lisa

Annotated Arch

Supplementary Primary and Secondary Sources:

- Audio and video discussions on Smarthistory and in the Annenberg Learner series
- How Art Made the World BBC series
- A variety of selected sections of films on art & art history
- Additional sources are available through the school library subscription databases (JSTOR, ebrary, ABC-Clio, and others)

You will also be given extra credit for independent museum visits. School breaks are a great time to visit a new museum, and if you're traveling, it will give you a great opportunity to look at art you may not have seen otherwise. If you stay local, there are a number of museums and galleries available for you to visit. Extra credit will be given to students who provide a 1 page write up on an exhibit they view while visiting the museum in addition to the ticket stub / evidence that they did indeed visit the museum.

[CR9]—Students are provided opportunities to experience actual works of art or architecture

Schoology - Assignments, Writing, Work & Integrity:

You will utilize Schoology to submit your writing assignments and resources will be posted so you will need to be able to access this FREQUENTLY. More information will come in the fall regarding this. For now, if you have any questions you may email.

Advanced Placement Art History Contract (25 point Quiz Assignment for submitting this on time - Due 1st Day of Class)

By signing this contract, I accept responsibility for my own work and dedicate myself to this class, the content, course requirements and the time necessary to complete the process of reading about, writing about and thinking about art history and the sometimes-difficult concepts involved with this course. _____(initial)

While I understand that I may not fully understand some of the material covered, I will do my best to ask for guidance, assistance and help when necessary and understand that it is my sole responsibility to organize myself and to contact the instructor if the need arises. _____(initial)

I am aware that I should attend class and that regular absences will result in lower participation grades which will affect my overall grade. I am also aware that it is my responsibility to make up any missed work in the event of necessary absences. If I miss a test, quiz or in-class assignment, I accept the responsibility to contact the instructor immediately upon my return and make up the assignment, test or quiz within 1 full letter-day cycle (or on agreement with the instructor). _____(initial)

Lastly, I promise to dedicate an average of 1-2 hours daily outside of class time to read, study, and work on course content assignments. This may be more or less depending on the unit of study, but I am aware that it is a college-level course and is driven by my own efforts to learn specific content. I am also aware that pop-quizzes can and will be given regularly to gauge my understanding of content and to help my instructor design individualized approaches to content. _____(initial)

Name Printed: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent email: _____

APART HISTORY - SUMMER WORK

*All summer work will be due on the second **Monday (August 21)** of the school year. Late work will be accepted up to 3 days late, each day will incur a reduction of one letter grade.*

#1. Binder Preparation: NOTE: THIS IS A LOT OF PRINTING - It is advised to bring it to staples to have printed for you.

You must prepare a binder for the course which includes ALL of the following:

- 11 Tabs labeled:
 - 10 different sections for each content area (1-10).
- From the course description which can be found here:
<https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap-art-history-course-and-exam-description.pdf> print **only** the pages with images for each content areas as well as the Enduring Understanding & Essential Knowledge pages. Then simply 3-hole punch them and put them behind each corresponding content area tab. (for example, all Content Area 1: Prehistory images and information should go into tab 1, etc.) You do NOT have to print them in color, but it is helpful.
- If you WANT to - you may cut out the images and attach them to printed Flashcard Templates and make copies enough for that, but it isn't necessary. You can find that template at the end of this packet.
- Add note paper to each of the 10 content area sections

Binder Completion = 25 points

#2. Completed the vocab list

For each term you must define it using your own words, and then use it in a sentence. (advice -- it is very easy to copy and paste it, but it will be to your benefit to learn these words if you're not familiar with them because you will need to know them for discussions, reference etc.) This will be inserted into your binder.

Completed Vocabulary = 25 points

#3 Visit the Louvre Paper

See Attached Assignment Description. You will submit your responses on Schoology. The assignment will be made available to upload your assignment on the first week of school.

Paper & Citations = 25 Points

#4. Visit an ACTUAL Art Museum of your choice

See Attached Assignment Description. You will submit your responses on Schoology. The assignment will be made available to upload your assignment on the first week of school.

Paper & Photographs = 25 points

#5 Khan Academy:

You will go through Khan Academy's introduction to AP Art History by accessing the following link: and answering questions (attached) from each section. You will submit your responses on Schoology. The assignment will be made available to upload your assignment on the first week of school.

Completed Assignment = 25 points.

Assignment #1: Vocabulary list 1

<u>ARCHITECTURAL PLAN</u> <u>AMBULATORY</u> <u>APSE</u> <u>LONGITUDINAL PLAN</u> <u>AXIAL PLAN</u> <u>TRANSEPT</u> <u>PENDENTIVE</u> <u>SQUINCH</u> <u>CANTILEVER</u> <u>APADANNA</u> <u>POINTED ARCH</u> <u>ROUNDED ARCH</u> <u>PERISTYLE</u> <u>PIER</u> <u>COMPOUND PIER</u> <u>COLUMN</u> <u>CAPITAL (COLUMN)</u> <u>ENGAGED COLUMN</u> <u>HYPOSTYLE HALL</u> <u>GALLERY</u> <u>CLERESTORY</u> <u> AISLE</u> <u>CHOIR</u> <u>RADIATING CHAPEL</u> <u>NAVE</u> <u>FLYING BUTTRESS</u> <u>DOME</u> <u>COFFERED CEILING</u> <u>OCULUS</u> <u>OGEE ARCH</u> <u> ABBEY</u> <u>AGORA</u> <u>ARABESQUE</u> <u>ARCADE</u> <u>BAPTISTRY</u> <u>CAPSTONE</u> <u>POST & LINTEL</u> <u>PORTAL</u> <u>FACADE</u> <u>HENGE</u> <u>VAULT (GROIN, BARREL, ETC.)</u>	<u>ICON</u> <u>IMPASTO</u> <u>FRESCO</u> <u>FRIEZE</u> <u>FREESTANDING</u> <u>SCULPTURES</u> <u>SCULPTURE IN THE ROUND</u> <u>STILL LIFE</u> <u>GENRE PAINTING</u> <u>HIERARCHY OF SCALE</u> <u>GENRE</u> <u>GLYPH</u> <u>FORESHORTENING</u> <u>TONALITY</u> <u>STYLE</u> <u>COLLAGE</u> <u>SECTION</u> <u>PRIMARY COLORS</u> <u>SECONDARY COLORS</u> <u>MEDIUM</u> <u>HUE</u> <u>FOREGROUND</u> <u>PICTURE PLANE</u> <u>VALUE</u> <u>TEXTURE</u> <u>SHAPE</u> <u>LINE</u> <u>CONTRAST</u> <u>MOVEMENT</u> <u>BALANCE</u> <u>SATURATION</u> <u>CONTOUR</u> <u>PERSPECTIVE</u> <u>CANNON</u> <u>CONCEPT</u> <u>PERSPECTIVE</u> <u>B.C.E.</u> <u>C.E.</u> <u>VOLUME</u> <u>MASS</u> <u>COMPOSITION</u> <u>STYLISTIC EVIDENCE</u>	<u>ATTRIBUTION</u> <u>LANDSCAPE</u> <u>ATTRIBUTES</u> <u>PROVENANCE</u> <u>STATUE vs. SCULPTURE</u> <u>PERSONAL STYLE</u> <u>HUMANISM</u> <u>IN SITU</u> <u>RELIQUARY</u> <u>TAPESTRY</u> <u>EMBROIDERY</u> <u>AP TERMS</u> <u>FORM</u> <u>FUNCTION</u> <u>CONTENT</u> <u>CONTEXT</u> <u>BIG IDEA 1</u> <u>BIG IDEA 2</u> <u>BIG IDEA 3</u>
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#3 Visit the Louvre in Paris online and take a virtual tour.

This assignment is to see how well you can analyze paintings through observation, understanding their content, and their historical setting. Art does reflect the time period.

Answer the questions below. This should be within 2-3 pages in length with correct MLA citation. Make sure to give complete information about the artist and that it contains your opinion.

The Louvre website: <http://www.louvre.fr/en>

- Decide which of the following you would like to investigate further:

Examine 1 piece of artwork of your choice. Take notes on and include the following in your paper:

- date of work
- title of work
- Paraphrase what the Louvre says about your work of art. Make sure you visit all the portions of the Louvre site – click on all the links such as analysis and context.
- Describe portions of the painting and relate its meaning. (See Formal Analysis section of How to Write About Art handout at the end of this assignment)
 - Medium (what is it made out of – oil, watercolor, etc.)
 - size of work
 - Color use (bright bold colors or subdued)
 - quality (does it look real, finished, etc.)
 - Line, shape, forms (Does your eye follow a particular pattern? Do all the heads angle one way? Does it have perspective? Etc.)
- What was going on at the time that could affect this painting? You will need to research this area. This is historical context and is extremely important.
- For what purpose was it created?
- What is the work about? Is there an event, person or place represented in it? Does it tell a story (narrative), have symbolism, create a mood, etc.?
- What do you think were the artist's goals? You don't have to be 100% correct; write what you think. We want to hear YOUR opinion.
- How does this painting/sculpture reflect the values and concerns of the time period in which it was produced? (Yes, you must do some research in this area – what was going on where the artist lived at that time period that might have influenced them.) Reflect upon the era in which it was created. Were there historical or cultural events that might have influenced the artist in making the painting?

#4. Visit an Actual Art Museum

This may be a great opportunity to include your parent(s) on your artistic journey.

Your assignment is to visit an art museum. Take a few hours to really look at the collection or browse it online, and take notes on a few pieces that interest you (at least one should be from a non-western culture, ie. Africa, South Pacific, Asia, Latin America) Select two works to take careful notes on and photograph at least 3 images - details, that you will be able to do further research on. Follow each step below to help you while at the museum.

1. Walk around the museum in any and all galleries, and choose two works that stand out to you. Stand in front of the work for at least 10 minutes, paying close attention to **LOOKING** at the work - don't write anything until you've really looked at the work.
2. After 10 minutes, write down your initial observations, thoughts, ideas. You should record your thoughts in a notebook or a sketchbook. You will use these initial observations in your reflection paper, so pay close attention!
3. While you're observing, think about the following questions:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What do you see?- What is the subject? figure or the viewer?- What elements of art can you use to describe the work. (line, color, texture, shape, etc.) If you don't know all of them, look them up.- What do you notice about the skill of the artist?- What colors (if any) are used?- When was it made?- What is the setting?- What does the object mean to the people / person who made it?- How is it arranged?- Is it large or small?- Are there figures in the work?- Why is it in this art gallery?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What do you notice about facial expressions?- Do they seem to be interacting with any other- What is the painting / sculpture / object made of? How was it constructed?- Where was this object / painting made?- Where is the light coming from (painting) or how does light interact with the object (sculpture)- Who are the people ? Rich / poor? Happy / sad? Realistic / abstract?- How does it make you feel?- Is it a "successful" piece of art?- Is it "art"- Does it make you think about the world in any particular way?
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Once you've gathered all the initial information that you can visually from looking at it, read the label and write down the title, artist, year, medium, size, and any other information present. You will need this information to complete the rest of the assignment.

4. After you have visited the museum, conduct research on the art and artist you observed at the museum.
5. Your reflection paper must include:
 - Full identification of work: Title, Artist, Year, Medium, Size
 - Photos you have taken of the piece of art, one as a whole and at least two details (a minimum of 3)
 - Information that you gathered by observation (do NOT plagiarize or copy from the internet)
 - Researched information: you may include any information you find relevant or important for the analysis of the work you've chosen. You MUST cite your sources and include a bibliography.

Assignment #5: Khan Academy Questions. These questions should be copy pasted onto your assignment with your answer/reflection following.

1. *Required Works of Art for AP* Art History* - Please note, this page is a GREAT link to ALL works and their resources. Bookmark this page in your personal device or computer. HOWEVER... This is NOT the official AP identification. Khan Academy does NOT provided the correct ID's that you need to use for your exam, nor does Barron's. For this, you need ONLY to use the AP PDF document you can find from the Collegeboard website.
2. *Why Look at Art Video* - Answer the following Questions:
 - a. What are three reasons given in the video why we people look at art?
 - b. The second speaker talks about spending time looking at images / art / things at museums and in your surroundings closely and attentively as being good for you because it makes you a better person. Do you agree? How does the study of art history seem to fit this definition?
 - c. Another person in the video spoke about slowing down to stop to take a breath to look deeper at something to notice detail, and it applying to other areas in your life... this is not far from what the speaker from question B was saying. There seems to be a theme here. What do you think the meaning of the study of art history is based on this introduction to "Why" we look at art?
3. *Common Questions About Dates*
 - a. What does "Gregorian" mean? Explain.
 - b. Explain A.D., B.C., B.C.E. and what and why we should use or not use these terms when writing in art history.
 - c. Circa? What does it mean and why do we use it or not use it?
 - d. How do we refer to centuries?
4. *What Maps Tell Us*
 - a. How are maps subjective? What can they tell us about the cartographer?
 - b. What does "north" tell us about a map
 - c. Where does the word orientation come from?
 - d. What was at the center of the circle in the Ebstorf Map? What is it a representation of?

- e. Explain how early Muslims modified the T-O model to meet their own needs.
 - f. Explain how a map is an interpretive story, told by someone.
5. *How to do Visual (Formal) Analysis in Art History* Questions
- a. This video goes through a formal analysis of Giovanni Bellini's *Madonna of the Meadow* c. 1500 in the National Gallery in London. What do Formal Analyses NOT discuss?
 - b. What DO formal analyses discuss in contrast?
 - c. In this painting what was the first element that was discussed and what was said about it?
 - d. What was said about composition of this work?
 - e. How was color discussed?
 - f. Explain the use of light in this work.
6. *An Art Historical Analysis (Painting), A Basic Introduction Using Goya's Third of May, 1808* Questions
- a. What are the three things to look for when viewing a work of art?
 - b. How did the video formally analyze the painting? What was said about the painting in a formal context?
 - c. How do the formal qualities reinforce what is happening in the painting and/or tell you about what the scene is telling us according to the video?
 - d. What can we tell about the painting by the brushwork?
 - e. How do we tie the painting to the historical context? How do we know what the painting is about based on what is happening at the time it is painted?
 - f. What are some words / phrases you learned that you didn't know before the video?
7. *A Brief History of Religion in Art* Questions
- a. How do we define what we call "art" according to the video?
 - b. What is aniconism? Why is it important for understanding religion in art?
 - c. What does the word "anthropomorphic" mean and how does it relate to religion and the changes of art?
 - d. How does religion change the function of art according to the video?
8. *Is There a Difference Between Art and Craft?*
- a. Had you thought about the difference between the two before?
 - b. What is the "turn of events" the video talk about? And how did it affect the separation between these items?
 - c. What is the distinction between the two?
 - d. Who was elevated to the higher "art" status and why?
 - e. What is your personal response to this question?
9. *How Art Can Help You Analyze*
- a. What skills can art provide that help us in other areas according to the video? And why do they help us?

- b. How does Magritte's Time Transfixed enhance communication in the example?
- c. How do these skills help a medical professional?

Taking Notes in Art History

When taking notes on art, there are several things you should look at and figure out. It is easy to be overwhelmed when it comes to art history because you may not be sure what is important and what is not so important. Included in this packet is a good note-taking sheet that has been developed by several AP art history instructors to gear your inquiry toward the necessary information - the "Flashcard Template" on the next page is useful. Do NOT try to write everything down - it will not help you, nor will it make things easy when you go to study. Focus your note-taking on key concepts which revolve around four AP art history components -- form, function, content and context.

FLASHCARD TEMPLATE

AP IDENTIFICATION: _____

Visual Description:

Form:

Function:

Content:

Context:

Other significant facts about this piece:

