

Words to know

Art Vocabulary for High School Students

ACADEMIC ART - refers to the style of painting and sculpture produced under the influence of formal academies, where many artists received their formal training.

AVANT-GARDE - in French, it means “advance guard”, or “vanguard.” People often use the term to refer to people or works that are novel or experimental, particularly with respect to art, culture and politics.

CONSERVATOR – a museum professional who is trained in the study, care and restoration of works of art.

CURATOR – a museum employee who is a department head or manager; can also be someone who collects, studies, interprets and displays a Museum’s collection.

MODERNISM—Modernism is a cultural movement that generally includes progressive art and architecture, music and literature which emerged in the decades before 1914, as artists rebelled against late 19th century academic and historic traditions.

MOVEMENT - a collective effort by a large number of people to try to achieve something, especially an artistic, a political or a social reform.

NON-OBJECTIVE – art that is made intentionally to not represent anything in real life.

OBJECT LABEL – an object label is the information printed and displayed next to an object in a museum. It contains facts that are informative to the person interested in reading the label, including the name of the artist, the medium and the title of the work.

REGION - a large land area that has particular geographic, political, or cultural characteristics which distinguish it from others, whether existing within one country or extending over several countries.

PHOTO-REALISM – an artist’s attempt to portray an object so realistically that the final result could be confused with a photograph.

