

AP ART HISTORY

Mr. Rench –Room 119

Course Description

This course is intended to prepare students for the AP Art History Exam. This AP Exam is equivalent to a University level Art History Exam and therefore the class must cover the content that would be presented in a University class. If the student passes the AP Exam, they are eligible to receive college credit for their success.

The First semester covers art from the Paleolithic through Renaissance era. The Second semester covers art from the Baroque through Postmodernism.

Course Objectives

- Developing the language and vocabulary of art
- Increasing an understanding of many different cultures
- Become familiar with key works of art from the various periods throughout history
- Understand the importance of the patron of the art and their vital role
- Learn how to see and analyze rather than just look at art
- Develop the ability to analyze works of art by applying critical thinking skills to make connections
- Understanding the chronological evolution of a style of art or artist

Required Textbook

Gardner's *Art Through the Ages*, 12th Edition

Student Evaluation

Semester 1

- Unit Tests (3) 50%
- Semester Final Examination 25%
- Non Western Research Project 25%

Project: Student will be creating a power point presentation or Screencast-o-Matic presentation complete with a Chapter Study Guides and Q-cards in a particular **Non-Western Art** culture.

Semester 2

- Unit Tests (3) 75%
- Modern Art Project 25%

Project: Student will be creating a power point presentation or Screencast-o-Matic presentation complete with chapter study guides and Q-cards in a particular **Modern Art** movement.

Additional Information

The student will need to have a three ring binder, in which to keep their Chapter Study Guides, Q-Cards, and other notes. They will also need around 300 3x5 cards that will be used to make flash cards.

Color versions of the Q-Cards and Chapter Study Guides are available to download on Mr. Rench's class website. Each student will need to print these off with a color printer before we go over the material in class.

Calendar Semester 1

Week 1	Introduction to Art History
	Prehistoric/Ancient Near East
	Ancient Near East/Egypt
	Ancient Aegean/ Unit 1 Test
	Ancient Greece
	Ancient Greece/Etruscan
	Roman
	Roman/ Unit 2 Test
	Early Christian/Byzantine
	Migratory/Carolingian/Ottonian
	Sung Dynasty China/Romanesque/Gothic
	Gothic
	Gothic/ Unit 3 Test
Week 14	Renaissance
	Renaissance
	Holiday-Thanksgiving Week
	Renaissance
	Non Western Student Presentations

Week 19	Non Western Student Presentations/Review/ Semester Final
Week 1	Baroque
	Baroque/American Indian
	Rococo/18 th Century/Neoclassical
	Neoclassical/ Unit Test 1
Week 5	Romanticism/Japan
	Academic Art The Official Salon/ Realism
	Impressionism
	Post-Impressionism/ Unit Test 2
Week 9	Early European Modernism
	Modernism: The Early 20 th Century
Week 11	Modernism/Postmodernism and Beyond/Feminist/Environmental/Performance Modernism Student Presentations/ Unit Test 3
Week 13/14	Spring Break
	Oceania Art/India
	19 th and 20 th Century African Arts/Islamic Arts
	Review for AP Art History Exam
	AP Art History Exam