

Art Cafè Syllabus - Fall, Winter 2022 – Spring, Fall 2023

| Month | Unit: | Topics: |
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| September 27 | 4: Rome | Quick Review of the Classical World & Ancient Rome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greek gifts of Humanism & Idealism - Roman Architectural Innovation - Roman painting: Illusionism - Crisis of the 3rd Century: Early Christian Art |
| October 11 | 5: The Medieval Mindset | Byzantine Art / Islamic Art / Romanesque & Gothic Art <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blame it on Exodus 20 - The myth of Medieval darkness - Pagan & Christian blending = Illumination - Gothic & Romanesque Architecture - Late Gothic painting |
| November 29 | 6: The Renaissance | Early Renaissance Art & Architecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humanism make a comeback. - Shapes du jour: Squares, circles, triangles. - Why the North looks so different than the South. - The first rock stars of Art! |
| December 13 | 7: Renaissance Part II | High Renaissance / Mannerism Art & Architecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ninja Turtles got it COMPLETELY WRONG! - Michelangelo vs Leonardo - What's left to do when everything's been done? |
| January 31 | 8: Reason, Passion & the Nation State | Baroque & Neoclassical Eras <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Come on back! (Catholic / Counter-Reformation.) - Louie and the Taste-makers. - Capitalism & Art . . . makes for a nice combo, sometimes. - Passion vs. Reason. |
| February 28 | 9: Romanticism, Realism & the World of Changed Perception | Art & Architecture of the 19th Century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ingres vs Delacroix: twitter's greatest smackdown - "Show me an angel, and I'll paint one." - The invention that changed EVERYTHING - The other invention that changed EVERYTHING |
| March 28 | 10: The Modern Era Part I | Impressionism and Postimpressionism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optics and now the eye really sees - The Impressionists vs the Post-Impressionists - 20th Century Modernist Architecture - The Modernist nuclear fission reaction |
| April 25 | 11: Modernism Part II | Expressionism, Cubo-Futurism, DeStijl & Constructivism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From Bauhaus to your house - Early 20th Century Russian art is just a bunch of Bolshevik - Why Picasso paints portraits with 2 or more noses. - How to look at a Mondrian painting |

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| May 23 | 11: Modernism Part III | Dada & Surrealism, Early / mid 20th cen. American Painting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Good manners in art are now out the window</i> - <i>Dream, dream, dream.</i> - <i>The American reaction to Modernism.</i> - <i>Early 20th Century Architecture.</i> |
| Summer Break! | | |
| Sept 26. | 12: Modernism's Last Gasps | Abstract Expressionism / Minimalism / Fluxus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The New American Order in the Art World</i> - <i>Don't try to understand it just feel it.</i> - <i>There is no there there.</i> - <i>Conceptual Art.</i> |
| Oct 30. | 13: Postmodernism | Pop Art / Conceptual Art / Postmodernism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>So what do you do when everything's already been done?</i> - <i>Deconstruction, Hyperreality & Pastiche</i> - <i>The Wikification of Art.</i> - <i>5 Contemporary Artists (I think are really cool)</i> - <i>So where do we go from here?</i> |

November. - Culminating activity possible museum visit?!