

Mr. Morgan

AP Art History Google Classroom code: 5z5kizh

## Summer Assignment Part 1

### **DUE First day of school**

*Art is as old as humans, and it has changed and evolved as much as we have in the past 100,000 years. The earliest art is theorized to have been used for religious, shamanistic, and ceremonial purposes. Contemporary Art seemingly lacks skill, intention, and often prompts the response, "I could do that." What happened in the 100,000 years between these two very different art periods? Why else have people made art? Could you really do that?*

\*\* Word counts are the "least" amount. You may need to write more to fully express your ideas.

#### Part 1: "Purposes of Art" (10 pts)

- Read: [Why Do People Create Art: from Discovering Art History](#).

-What are some of the common purposes of art?

*Write 250 words:*

-Find two artworks from the [APAH curriculum](#) (not from UNIT 1) and categorize their purposes.

Artwork 1	Purpose
Artwork 2	Purpose

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**Part 2: “History of Ideas: Art” (5 pts)**

- Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7ECzduUWx0>

-Describe how art’s purpose has transformed over time, provide specific examples of cultures or periods in time.

Write 100 words:
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**Part 3: “Is This Art?” (10 pts)**

Contemporary Art tends to be political, conceptual, or purely aesthetic, making it more difficult to understand and define than other types of art, which have more traditional purposes. Many people have a hard time understanding the purpose and value of contemporary art. So what is art?

- Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jngusj-0DuA&t=25s>

-How do Rhett and Link each define art?

-Pick one artwork they analyze and explain their reasons for why or why not it should be considered art.

Write 250 words:
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**Part 4: “I Could Do That.” (15 pts)**

- Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67EKAIY43kg&t=214s>

-*Perfect Lovers* by Felix Gonzalez-Torres is an example of deskilled, conceptual art. How does Sarah defend its value and purpose against people who say, "I could do that"?

Write 100 words:

-Explain why early 20th century artists avoid showing off technical skill or make "deskilled art."

Write 100 words:

-After watching these two videos, how do you define art?

Write 250 words:

**TOTAL: 40 pts**