



AP Art History CURRICULUM

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Course Information

High School Full Year Course

Course Description:

AP Art History is designed to allow students to discover, appreciate, and acquire knowledge of art history through the ages, from prehistory to contemporary times. This course enables highly motivated students to study college-level art history by examining major forms of artistic expression from diverse cultures and understanding each of their contributions to the arts as a whole. Students are provided opportunities to critically analyze works of art in a variety of environments, including actual and virtual. A variety of art media and styles will be studied as students look at architecture, manuscripts, painting, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture as a reflection of a given civilization and time period. Students will investigate how various art pieces connect to historical events, how artistic movements influence each other, what is aesthetically pleasing to the eye, and their contexts within social, political, and religious themes. This class will allow students to use their prior knowledge of history, geography, politics, religion, languages, literature, and the visual arts. This course will prepare students to take the AP Art History exam. This course satisfies the fine arts requirement for graduation. Evaluation will be based on written work, research, class participation, and tests.

Curriculum Standards: [AP Art History Course at a Glance](#)

Curriculum Resource(s):

Nici, John and Barron's Educational Series. *AP Art History Premium, Sixth Edition: Prep Book with 5 Practice Tests + Comprehensive Review + Online Practice*. Simon & Schuster. [2023]

Smarthistory. *AP Art History*. Smarthistory. <https://smarthistory.org/curated-guide/ap-art-history/>. Accessed 17 Apr. 2025.

Curriculum Link: The curriculum for AP Art History is published by The College Board and is linked here: [AP Art History Curriculum](#)