

Welcome to A.P. Art History!

Your *Summertime Studies* assignment includes reading one book and writing two pages. It involves watching TV, going to an art museum and taking a “selfie.”

You are going to be in more control of your learning if you have read an overview of the 34 chapters in Gardner’s “Art Through the Ages.” What you need is an abridged survey book of art history. For example, “The Annotated Mona Lisa” by Carol Strickland (195 pages) and/or Barron’s, “AP Art History” (593 pages, more like around 300 without the sample test questions) can both be found used or at a library. Read for descriptions of art movements and different periods of art. Understand the transition from one art movement/period to the next. You can do the writing assignment below, however by using your textbook, “Art Through the Ages.”

Then pick three pairs of art movements. One pair is to be chosen from Eastern Art while another can be chosen from Western Art. The third choice reflects your preference. A pair of art movements can be found in the same chapter, or in adjacent chapters, or next to each other on a comprehensive timeline but in different parts of the art history book. Compare and contrast each pair of art movements/periods within one paragraph. In MLA format you will write about two pages. Do not try to link all six art movements together. Just find similarities and differences from one art movement to its pair. You do not have to write an introduction, just use the art movements as titles above each paragraph. You can email me your paper as soon as you write it. It is due by Tuesday, September 6th. My email address is cbradley@ausd.net

Watch travel shows to see places that we will visit in our textbook. You can watch “*Rick Steves’ Europe*” or *Globe Trekker* on PBS. You can see many important European artworks in movies such as, “Monuments Men,” and in “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.”

Also watch “Jeopardy.” We will be playing classroom versions of “Jeopardy.” Most of the shows have either an art history or history category. Go to at least one important art museum. For instance, the Pacific Asia Museum and the Norton Simon Museum. Both of these museums are located in Pasadena. Take a “selfie” in front of a work of art and include it with your paper. Enjoy seeing real masterpieces, on the walls, floors, and ceilings and in the gardens.

I look forward to meeting you in August.