

To fully experience any work of art, you must see the work itself. For this assignment, you will be asked to visit a piece of art in person, at a museum or art gallery. Bring your sketchbook with you to sketch the artworks and record notes. Explore ideas, artists, and works of art that interest you.

Select **ONE** artwork to examine in detail. Collect information about the artist or artwork while you are at the museum and write up a typed, 2-page report.

1. **Record citation:** Name of the artist. Date of the production, medium, or materials, title of the artwork, and size/scale of artwork.
2. **Describe it.** How would you describe the artwork to a person who could not see it? Be descriptive, detailed, and use terms from the Elements and Principles of Art to aid you in your description.
3. **Evaluate it.** What is your opinion about the artwork and artist?
4. **Compare and contrast** this work of art with something else, **for example...**
  - another work of art in the museum
  - something you would find in nature
  - an illustration you find in a book or online
  - a story, poem, song, or novel you have read, heard, or written
  - an event in history
  - a famous person or someone you know
  - anything! As long as it can be appropriately compared and contrasted with your chosen work of art
5. **Sketch both artworks** in pencil. (Most museums will only allow you to sketch with a pencil.)

\*\*\* To receive credit, **PROOF OF ATTENDANCE** (ticket stub, pamphlet, etc.) must be submitted with your **TYPED** paper.

\*\*\*DUE during finals week at the end of the first semester.

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There are many galleries local to the South Bay area that can be walked to, which are perfectly acceptable for this assignment, such as the John Post gallery in Manhattan Beach. Some suggestions of other well-known museums that would require transportation are...

Los Angeles County of Art (LACMA)  
The Getty  
Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)  
The Hammer  
Bergamot Station

If you are unsure whether a certain gallery is suitable for this assignment, please check with Ms. Dixon. ☺