

# Themes in Art

Possible Essay topics for AP Art History

*“Beyond the European Tradition” includes works from:* Non-European cultures including Africa, the Americas, Asia, Egypt, ancient Near East, Oceania, and Global Islamic traditions.

THEME	European Tradition Examples	Beyond the European Tradition Examples	Post 1950s Examples
WAR			
RELIGION			
MARRIAGE			
HIERARCHY of SCALE			
RIVALRY			
SLAVERY			
POWER			
SICKNESS, SUFFERING			
GRIEF			
ANIMALS			
NARRATIVE			
DESTRUCTION			
OBSERVATION			

<b>NATURE</b>			
<b>FEMALE FIGURES</b>			
<b>MALE FIGURES</b>			
<b>ABSTRACT</b>			
<b>POLITICAL</b>			
<b>CIRCLES, CIRCULAR Shapes</b>			
<b>PATTERNS, Geometric</b>			
<b>CEREMONY, RITUAL</b>			
<b>IDOLS</b>			
<b>RELIGION, FAITH</b>			
<b>MASKS</b>			
<b>DEATH</b>			
<b>FUNERARY PRACTICES</b>			
<b>WAYS OF WORSHIP</b>			
<b>FAMILY PORTRAITS</b>			
<b>INFLUENCE OF ONE CULTURE ON ANOTHER</b> *ex. Japonism			

<b>LOVE</b>			
<b>OBJECTS REMOVED FROM ORIGINAL CONTEXT</b>			
<b>Relationships of Patrons- Directly Impacted Art</b>			
<b>TRADE</b>			
<b>CULTURAL BEAUTY STANDARDS</b>			
<b>RECYCLED MATERIALS USED IN ART</b>			