

**Assignment 3 · What is Art?**

**Due: Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

(Submit your assignment in PDF format by 11:59 pm to [vsioufas-lalli@ncc.commnet.edu](mailto:vsioufas-lalli@ncc.commnet.edu) and **please** label file ('Save As') with first name initial, last name and assignment #. ex. HJonesHW3)

**Read** the handout, *An Introduction to Visual Art Forms*, which is available on the class website under **ARTH 1001**.

**Answer the following questions based on the handout.** Citations/footnotes are not required and you can structure your responses as a numbered list.

- 1) How do you see the study of art history serving you, personally? (3 pts)
- 2) Of the different purposes for art we've discussed (art for delight, art for worship, etc...), what function of art serves your needs? (3 pts)
- 3) List three (3) **major** art forms. (3 pts)
- 4) List three (3) **minor** art forms. (3 pts)
- 5) List three (3) types of subjects often depicted by artists in either painting or sculpture. (3 pts)
- 6) List two (2) main building types in architecture. (2 pts)
- 7) List and define the first and most common method of architectural construction. (4 pts)
- 8) List two (2) materials relied upon in architecture. (2 pts)
- 9) List **and** define two (2) types of media used in painting. (6 pts)
- 10) List **and** define two (2) painting techniques. (6 pts)
- 11) Various media are used in sculpture. List one (1) **plastic** and one (1) **non-pliable** medium. (2 pts)
- 12) List **and** define two (2) sculpture techniques. What media are associated with each technique? (6 pts)
- 13) **Color** is an important **element of art**. List the hues that define the **primary** colors. For each primary color identify its **complementary** color. (6 pts)
- 14) In addition to color, list and define one (1) other important **element of art**. (3 pts)
- 15) List **and** define the three (3) **terms used to describe an artwork's relationship to the physical world?** (6 pts)
- 16) For **Figure 1** below, follow the link to this work at <https://www.getty.edu/art/collection/object/103VDJ> and read about this object. **Complete the label and the description of this object as outlined below.**
- 17) **Copy and paste the image** (download the image from the Getty's webpage) **to your assignment** (2 pts). The image and a label **MUST** always accompany your discussion of a work of art in any assignment. This is your opportunity here to practice.



**Figure 1**

- **Artist:** Who is the artist? Unknown or Named? (2 pts)
- **Title:** What title has this work been given? (2 pts)
- **Date:** What is its date of creation? BCE or CE? (2 pts)
- **Medium:** What is this work made from? (2 pts)
- **Dimensions:** What is its size? We live in the U.S. so give feet and inches (use an online conversion calculator to go from cm/mm to in/ft); if you'd like, you may include the metric measurements too. (2 pts)
- **Collection:** Where can this work currently be found? Give the name (museum, gallery, or private collection) and the location of this work's current home. (2 pts)
- **Accession/Object No.:** Give the ID# for this work (2 pts)
- **Type of Art Form:** Is it a Major or Minor Art Form? What kind? (2 pts)
- **How does Figure 1 present itself?** Is it representational (realistic), abstract, or non-representational? Using the definitions of these terms, support your observation. (4 pts)
- Based on your research, what **one (1) purpose of art does this work fulfill? What category** (art for delight, art for commemoration, etc...) does it fit into? **Why?** (4 pts)

Artist Unknown

Date: 3,000-2,500 BCE

Medium:

[Limestone](#)

Dimensions:

39.1 × 26 × 42.1 cm (15 3/8 × 10 1/4 × 16 9/16 in.)

Place:

[Cyprus](#) (Place Created)

Culture:

[Cypriot](#)

Object Number:

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Alternate Titles:

Fertility Goddess (Alternate Title)

Department:

[Antiquities](#)

Classification:

[Sculpture](#)

Object Type:

[Mythological figure](#)