

ARTH 2071 Japanese Art History  
Excellent Definitions of Art  
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Rachel Becker: Art gives physical form to one's thoughts, creativity and imagination through any means that can be experienced through the senses. (She loves drawing, storytelling, acting and dancing)

Hannah Donovan: Art is a creative expression of emotions through tools such as visual art, music and writing that in turn allow the viewer to experience these emotions.

Megan Esterkamp: Art is a way to communicate and express thoughts that can't be described by words alone.

Sarah Hopkins: This expression (art) can help others gain insight into how people of different backgrounds and cultural worlds understand the reality around them, because while we all live in the same world, reality is perceived individually and uniquely.

Elisabeth Jacobson: Art is something with the purpose of conveying a message, whether that message be one of emotion, power or social commentary, through visual means. Art is made with intent, by somebody for somebody.

Marshanna McClellan: Art throughout time embodies the existence of emotion, sublime, fears, anxieties, memories, status or personal being.

Rachel McNeal: Art is constantly changing and evolving, so I describe art as any creative expression. Art is creativity taking physical form.

Jasmine Metcalf: Art is anything someone creates that can be interpreted as beautiful, expressive or used to send a message or convey a meaning.

Hugh Patton: Art is a language, it is using sensory elements to communicate and connect individuals together.

Wilhelmina Roe: Art is a form of expression that requires use of a medium and is intended to invoke a particular response from a viewer, an expression of feeling and emotions, a depiction of the real world or fantasy.

Aujah Ruffin: The main purpose of art is solely to express oneself, whether speaking a message or conveying a mood of a specific time period.

Tyler Stoeckel: Art, through any medium, attempts to explain the core nature of life, expressing emotions that transcend the social constructed context in which we all carry on our daily lives.

Greta Thomas: Art is an expression of one's creativity through the mind, body and soul.