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**HUMANITIES**

* Came from the Latin word humanus meaning human who is cultured and refined.
* Is that academic study of documenting and processing human experience
* Are significant achievements of the human race which illuminate and illustrate the distinctive characteristics of man as a rational and spiritual being

**WHY STUDY HUMANITIES?**

* The humanities help us understand others through their languages, histories and cultures.
* By patronizing art works of art from different artists around the world. we can learn about their culture and language
* They reveal how people have tried to make moral, spiritual and intellectual sense of the world,
* People have used works of art to express opinions, fight social inequality. We also use artworks to worship and to investigate a problem.
* The humanities teach empathy.
* Empathy is the ability to put yourself into the situation of others. It also happens when we project our own feelings onto a work of art
* They teach us to deal critically and logically with subjective, complex, imperfect information.
* The disciplines in the humanities teach us to question things that are presented to us by our senses
* Humanities students build skills in writing and critical reading. Reading literature is like virtually experiencing the experiences of the authors
* Hence, when you read literature works of different authors, you somehow gain wisdom and experience
* The humanities encourage us to think creatively.
* Everything in this world starts with creativity without it, there would be no buildings, no cars, no smartphones nothing will be manufactured Everything starts on paper and on the drawing table

**THE ART**

* Art refers to the processes, products, and experiences that communicate aspects of human living in a variety of ways, many of which do not use words.

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**ASSUMPTIONS OF ART**

**01 Art is Universal**

* Every human being in this world has a form of art they appreciate.
* What is beautiful for you might be gruesome for others and vice versa As the saying goes beauty is on the eye of the beholder

**02 Art is Cultural**

* Every culture no matter how isolated sings dances, tells stories erects monuments and draws visual patterns that exploit regularity repetition and enclosure

**03 Art is not nature**

* Art is part or within nature itself
* If nature is a baseline for truth then art is an interpretation to that. One definition of art that it is human made
* If it was molded, processed by a human, then it is art.

**04 Art Involves Experience**

* We can only appreciate art if we spend time to look at it, listen to it, touch it and feel its presence

**FUNCTIONS OF ART**

1. Art assists us in rituals that promote our spiritual or physical well-being.

2. Art communicates thoughts, ideas, and emotions.

3. Art gives us pictures of deities, or helps us conceive what divinity might be.

4. Art serves and/or commemorates the dead.

5. Art makes evident the power of state and its rulers.

6. Art celebrated war and conquest, and sometimes also peace

7. Art is a means for protesting political and social injustice.

8. Art promotes cohesion within a social group.

9. Art records the likeness of individuals and the context in which individuals exist.

10. Art educates us about ourselves and the world around us.

11. Art entertains.