

# Essay Information /

As part of your learning assignments in this course you are now asked to research and write an Essay. Writing about art can be a fun way to communicate your understanding and knowledge of art. This is a 500 word minimum essay but feel free to write more than required.

## **ESSAY TOPIC: Exploring the Elements and Principles of Design through a Work of Art.**

### **Content of the Paper:**

- **Choose a single work of art from the ARTFORUMS Textbook Chapter 3 or Chapter 4.**
- **Explore what are the elements of art and the principles of design? Describe each of them and how they function** (which is Main Point 1)
- **Analyze a single work of art from chapter 3 or 4 and describe how this artist uses a specific elements or principles of design to create the single work of art that you have chosen to explore** (which is Main Point 2).
- **Explain how your understanding this element or principle of design helps you in experiencing work of art** (which is Main Point 3).

### **Instructions:**

This essay should have:

**An introduction Paragraph** - The introduction will inform the reader what you will write about. Give the artist full name, title of the artwork, media and size of the art (and location exhibited if available) work you will explore. Also a short summary of what you will be exploring in the main points.

**3 Main points** - There should be at least 3 main points, that are the majority of your paper.

- **Main point 1** Paragraph: What are ALL of the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Make sure you show that you present all of them and explain what they are used for.
- **Main point 2** Paragraph: Describe how this artist uses specific Elements or Principles of Design to create the artwork (describe all that you see being used in the artwork).
- **Main Point 3** Paragraph : How do these element or principles of design help you in experiencing this work of art or the meaning of this work of art.

### **A Conclusion Paragraph:**

The conclusion is a summary. It summarizes the main points (see above for main points) and is a place to write down any conclusions you have reached based upon your research.

**A list of sources:**

The references utilized in the essay should be in the list of sources. The sources should be listed on a separate page after the conclusion in MLA presentation style - You must utilize at least three sources.

**Artwork Image (optional):**

On a separate page after the sources page. Center image on page with artist' name, title of artwork, size, media and date.

**Writing The Essay:**

500 Word Essay required, but your essay can contain more words (but Not Less).

This is an information based essay. Your ideas and concepts must be backed up with factual information. Thus the need for reference sources.

The Essay must to be written in MLA Writing Style. Which means that you need to use Text Citations and list Sources at the end of your essay.

A link to the MLA Writing Style information is listed below.

At least Three sources must be utilized. The textbook can be used as a source for this paper, but it must be cited.

Wikipedia is not a legitimate source for the essay and will not be accepted as a source for this paper.

Personal conjecture is not needed, the essay is to be factual, and not your personal opinion on the talents and/or life of the artist.

This is not a book report on the life of the artist.

This Essay Assignment must be completed in order to pass the course.

**Plagiarism:** Any information in your essay that is copied and pasted from an online source or any other source without using text citations, is considered plagiarism.

**Essay Presentation Requirements:** The essay will need to be presented in the required manner and meet the content/presentation requirements.

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