

CS3 Commit 3 (K04 Alvarez)

Realism Art content

Short Description:



Skull of a Skeleton with Burning Cigarette by Vincent van Gogh

Realism primarily focuses on creating a realistic and accurate depiction of objects or events. This type of art rejects imaginative features in favor of more detailed physical appearances. (Britannica, 2022)

Some History:

Realism became a style during the mid-19th century in France. Widely present in French novels and paintings during the 1850s, the word "realism" itself was first used to describe a doctrine focused on summarizing what it offered to the writer in his time. Thus, realism not only refers to the real life appearance but the essence of the contemporary as well.

Gustave Courbet was one of, if not, the first artist to push for the realism aesthetic. One of his works, "The Painter's Studio", along with other pieces, were put under a label he called "Realism, G. Courbet". Another one of his famous paintings, "A Burial at Ornans", struck the audience for showing peasants and

labor workers as they are, truly reflecting the state of his period.
(Britannica, 2022)



The Painter's Studio, by Gustave Courbet



A burial at Ornans, by Gustave Courbet

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