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ART HISTORY 101 – PREHISTORY TO GOTHIC

Your search for information on art from the Ancient to Medieval periods can include books, journal articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Books

Use the [Library Catalog](#) located on the Cerritos College [Library Home Page](#) to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. The general call number for books on all aspects of art is **N1 – NX765**. More specific call numbers for your topics may be found by searching the online catalog for the following subjects:

ART

Art Ancient
Art Ancient Egypt
Art Ancient Greece
Art Ancient Middle East
Art Byzantine
Art Celtic
Art Egyptian
Art Etruscan
Art Gothic
Art Greco-Roman
Art Greek
Art History
Art Medieval
Art Prehistoric
Art Romanesque

PAINTING

Painting Byzantine
Painting Egyptian
Painting Gothic
Painting Greek
Painting Medieval
Painting Romanesque

SCULPTURE

Sculpture Gothic
Sculpture Greek
Sculpture Hellenistic
Sculpture Medieval
Sculpture Primitive

MISCELLANEOUS

Cave paintings
Christian art and symbolism
Maya art
Maya Sculpture

ARTIST'S NAME

Angelico, Fra
Giotto
Della Robbia
Mantegna, Andrea
Pisanello

Reference Books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

Art in World History

REF N31 .F33

Grove Dictionary of Art

REF N31 .D5 1996 (Also Available as Grove Art Online)

Biographical Encyclopedia of Artists

REF N40 .B535 2005

Grove Encyclopedia of Classical Art and Architecture

REF N5610 .G76 2007

Color Encyclopedia of World Art

REF N31 .J32

International Dictionary of Art and Artists

REF N40 .I55 1990

Encyclopedia of Visual Art

REF N25 .E53 1983

J. Paul Getty Museum Handbook of the Collections

REF N582 .M25 A627 2001

Encyclopedia of World Art

REF N31 .E533

Larousse Encyclopedia of Byzantine and Medieval Art

REF N5970 .H13

Facts on File Encyclopedia of Art

REF N31 .F33 2005

Larousse Encyclopedia of Prehistoric and Ancient Art: Art and Mankind

REF N5300 .H953

Great Artists of the Western World

REF NB197.3 .R4513 1977

Oxford Companion to Art

REF N33 .O9

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Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles

Journal and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

The Library has several magazines that focus on art:

American Artist
Art in America
ArtForum

ARTnews
ArtWeek
Art Journal (in Ebscohost Masterfile Premier only)

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the **Library Home Page**. Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

EBSCOhost
Gale Databases
Proquest Newspapers

Oxford Art Online
Project Muse
NewsBank

For remote access to the library databases, login to the **Library** using your Cerritos College ID number.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1975.

Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

Art Cyclopedia

<http://www.artcyclopedia.com>

ArtScene

<http://artscenecal.com>

Detroit Institute of Art – Ancient Art

<http://www.dia.org/collections/ancient/ancientindex.html>

Metropolitan Museum of Art

<http://www.metmuseum.org/home.asp>

Perseus Project Home Page

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>

Art History Resources on the Web

<http://witcombe.sbc.edu/ARTHLinks.html>

British Museum – COMPASS -- online collection

<http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/compass/index.html>

Louvre Museum Official Website

http://www.louvre.fr/llv/commun/home_flash.jsp?bmLocale=en

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art

<http://www.nmfa.si.edu/index2.html>

Thais: Forty Centuries of Architecture

<http://www.thais.it/architettura/default.htm>