

Subjects in Art Vocabulary

1. Abstraction – Simplification of subject matter into basic shapes.
2. Animals – The subject is used in most all cultures both realistic and stylized.
3. Cityscape - View of city streets, buildings and urban environment.
4. Expression – Personal and emotional feelings are added to a work of art.
5. Figure – This is considered the most supreme subject used in any work of art.
6. Genre – Normal everyday activities of ordinary people used in a painting.
7. Historical – A drawing or painting that uses historical subjects to give importance.
8. Landscape – Painting of the natural environment.
9. Literary subject – Artwork that depicts ideas for their work from books.
10. Narrative – Subject in an art piece where the artist is telling a story.
11. Nonobjective – Art work that has no recognizable objects.
12. Portrait – A work of art that has representations of people alone or in a group.
13. Religious subjects – A piece of art includes any religious figure from any religion as the subject.
14. Self-portrait – The artist makes a picture of themselves.
15. Social Comment – The work of art has a visual statement about the society.
16. Still Life – Artwork of inanimate objects.