

Survey II Assignment Sheet—Research Paper

1. The research paper is due week 12 (July 23) at the beginning of class.
2. The research paper should address a specific artist or art movement from the history of western art. Papers should address a specific, focused question or area of interest and can offer an argument or relate information about the topic.
3. Students may select a topic from any period discussed in the scope of the class (Gothic through Impressionism), or may research contemporary artists or movements.
4. Papers should also utilize at least one of the methodological approaches from the Adams *Methodologies of Art* assigned textbook.
5. Research papers will succeed or fail based on the quality of the materials referenced. WIKEPEDIA IS NOT A CITABLE SOURCE, although students may use it as a reference point to begin their investigation. Students are also STRONGLY discouraged from citing reference sites, such as dictionary.com. Additionally, although assigned readings are a place to begin researching, your textbook is not an acceptable source.
6. Research papers should be a minimum of 8 pages long; images and cover pages do not count toward the total page length; images should be included at the end of the essay, and should be correctly documented and referenced in the essay.
7. Research papers must include a correctly-formatted bibliography and sources MUST be cited in-text. Papers missing in-text citations or a bibliography will receive a failing grade.

Grading: this paper will be graded on the following:

1. Spelling, composition, formatting (margins, font size, etc.) and grammar.
2. Content of the paper: how interesting and thorough are the topic chosen, the research and the discussion?
3. How effectively an art historical method is used in the discussion and analysis.
4. Quality of the argument and the conclusions drawn based on research and any criticism or analysis in the paper.
5. Does the essay include a bibliography and correctly formatted in-text citations?
6. Was the essay submitted on time and does it meet assignment requirements, including appropriate images if necessary?
7. Does the essay reference high-quality, reliable sources and is it adequately researched?