

Art 304 Assignment Sheet—Research Paper

1. The research paper is due week 14 (August 5) at the beginning of class.
2. The research paper should address specific artists or an art movement not covered in our discussions in class.
3. Students may select any artists or art movement from the scope of the class (beginning with the Impressionists) and beyond (through contemporary art practices happening today). Students are not limited geographically in their choices.
4. While students can discuss the history of a movement or the biography of the artists, effective papers will consider the art works critically, rather than offering only an historical account.
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.
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. Quality of the argument and the conclusions drawn based on research and any criticism or analysis in the paper.
4. Does the essay include a bibliography and correctly formatted in-text citations?
5. Was the essay submitted on time and does it meet assignment requirements, including appropriate images if necessary?
6. Does the essay reference high-quality, reliable sources and is it adequately researched?