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Forms, Styles, and Art Practices in Contemporary Art

Lesson 1

Categories of Art

✻ Fine Arts

- visual pleasure
- is a Western category of refined objects considered to be among the supreme cultural achievements of human civilization.
- Fine art is believed to transcend average human works and may be produced by only the best artists with unique sensibilities and academic training.
- Fine art includes painting, sculpture, and architecture in the early and mid-nineteenth century in Western industrialized nations.
- It was heavily influenced by Greek, Roman, and Italian Renaissance art.

✻ Popular Art (pop art)

- Memes are an example of pop art.
- It is the product of popular culture which appeals to a broad mass audience.
- Art produced via popular culture is more accessible, inexpensive, entertaining, commercial, political, naive, or colorful than fine art.

✻ Craft

- refers to specific media, including ceramics, glass, weaving, and woodworking.
- It usually involves making objects rather than images, although craft may involve surface decoration.
- also display aesthetics and/ or conceptual dimensions that go beyond mundane use.
- like the distinction between fine art and popular culture, the distinction between craft and art is culturally specific and ever-changing.

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