American Art Movements

Hudson River School (1825-1870)

This movement showed the world that Americans could be great artists. Art from this movement shows American land. Painters of this movement include Thomas Cole and Susie M. Barstow.

Harlem Renaissance (1920s-1930s)

The city of Harlem, New York was home to many black artists. They wanted to uplift other black people after generations of struggle. Prominent artists of this movement include Augusta Savage and Aaron Douglas.

American Modernism (1900-1942)

This movement focused on the changes in the USA. Art created during this time was abstract and would reflect the immigrant cultures that were arriving to the USA. Georgia O'Keefe and Charles Demuth are two famous American Modernists.

Abstract Impressionism (1940-1950s)

This controversial art movement gained attention because of its rebellious style. Examples of Abstract Impressionists include Mark Rothko and Jackson Pollock.

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American Realism (1900-1960s) This movement was all about the lives and activities of ordinary people. The goal was to show daily life. Famous artists from this movement would be Norman Rockwell and Edward Hopper

Pop Art (1940s-1990s)

This era challenged the traditions of fine art. Pop Art drew attention to boring items and pop culture. Notable pop artists include Andy Warhol and Keith Harring.



The Hunter's Return (1845) Thomas Cole



Kaaterskill Creek (1870) Susie M. Barstow



Lift Every voice and Sing (1939) Augusta Savage



Charleston (1928) Aaron Douglas



Horse's Skull with Pink Rose (1931) Georgia O'Keeffee



I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold (1928) Charles Demuth



Orange and Yellow (1956) Mark Rothko



Convergence (1952) Jackson Pollock



Freedom from Want (1943) Norman Rockwell



Nighthawks (1942) Edward Hopper



Keith Haring

American Art Quiz

Email the words "Watkins-Art" and your answers to cpreut@watkinsmuseum.org Students missing only one answer or less will receive a prize and be entered into the raffle.

- 1. Which art era challenged the traditions of fine art?
- a) American Realism
- b) Abstract Impressionism
- c) Pop Art
- 2. Who painted Night Hawks (1942)?
- a) Georgia O'Keeffe
- b) Edward Hopper
- c) Norman Rockwell
- 3. Which painting is an example of abstract impressionism?
- a) Convergence (1952)
- b) Best Buddies (1990)
- c) The Hunter's Return (1845)
- 4. What was the Harlem Renaissance named after?
- a) Harlem, New York
- b) John Harlem, a prominent artist during this era
- c) Neither of the above answers are correct

5. Which art era is your favorite and why?