



# Pocono Mountain School District

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## *Advanced Placement Art History Summer Assignment*

Dear AP Art History Student:

Congratulations on your enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) Art History. The Advanced Placement Art History course emphasizes a deep conceptual understanding of art historical concepts. Students will develop the essential skills of visual and contextual analysis. By examining works of art from diverse cultures and the relationships among these works, students develop an understanding of global artistic traditions. Students analyze works of art in their contexts, considering issues of patronage, gender, politics, religion, and ethnicity. The interpretation of the work of art is based upon its intended use, audience, and the role of the artist and the work of art in its particular society. Students will expand their knowledge of history, geography, politics, religion, languages, and literature, as they explore the story of people as told through the art they created.

The AP program is based on the premise that college-level material can be taught successfully to secondary school students. This is a fast paced class emphasizing higher-level thinking and skills, outside projects, gallery visitations, and research. The nature of the course requires the teacher, student, and parents to commit the time and energy needed to successfully complete the required work.

AP Art History is designed to be taught at the college level. Consequently, some students may initially find the pace and workload difficult. To prepare for this transition, class expectations will be provided to students at the beginning of the school year. There are mandatory summer assignments, readings and related writing assignments for all students enrolled in AP Art History. Students will receive a packet detailing the summer requirements which will be worth 10% of the first marking period grade and are due by Friday, September 6, 2019.

Sincerely,

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