

Art History 340

Name _____

Contemporary Art: 1945 - 1970

Due Monday, November 27

150 possible points

Research Paper

You have been asked to commit substantial effort this semester conducting research and developing a thesis related to an artist, body of work, or issue relevant to the study of contemporary art between 1945 and 1970. In preparation, you have already submitted a Thesis Report, Paper Plan, and Visual Analysis.

Your culminating Research Paper must consider a **minimum of four works of art**. Discussion of these works should be anchored by a clear thesis, position, or question, and include both visual description and analysis. The paper’s thesis should obviously reflect what you have learned this semester and strongly confirm your understanding of contemporary art theory. Additionally, the Research Paper should demonstrate your ability to **analyze works of art utilizing various art historical methodologies** (historical context, feminism, formalism, Marxism, psychoanalysis, biography, iconography, and semiotics). Finally, your analysis paper must include a **minimum of five footnote citations in CMS** format (a Bibliography is NOT required) from credible scholarly sources **originating on paper**.

Please use the following rubric as a checklist for paper content and formatting:

Research Paper Grading Rubric			
Essay	Confirms extensive college level research	out of 25 points	out of 50 points
	Strong thesis anchoring the discussion	out of 5 points	
	Connection to course material	out of 10 points	
	Writing style and use of technical language	out of 10 points	
Analysis	Use of art historical methods to interpret	out of 20 points	out of 60 points
	Consideration of art historical context	out of 20 points	
	Four artworks considered in depth	out of 12 points	
	Full visual descriptions of works	out of 8 points	
CMS & Citations	Five scholarly sources originating on paper cited	out of 10 points	out of 40 points
	Use of sources to support claim	out of 10 points	
	Footnote formatting	out of 10 points	
	Margins, font size, spacing, etc.	out of 10 points	
Total			out of 150 points