

Art 1 Honors
Modern to Contemporary Art

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Reading Response #8
Postmodernism



Untitled Film Still #21



Untitled Film Still #48



Untitled Film Still #10

Cindy Sherman's **Untitled Film Stills** were among the first artworks to be called Postmodern. Define Postmodernism. How does it differ from Modernism? What is Postmodern about Sherman's work?

Why does Sherman leave the individual images of the **Untitled Film Stills** series untitled? The size, format and imagery of the **Untitled Film Stills** closely relates to cinema and movies from the 50s and 60s. Why, as a female artist with a (possibly questionable) feminist message, does Sherman utilize this genre? What is her critique?

Cindy Sherman describes herself not as a photographer, but as a performance artist and as a conceptualist. How does Cindy Sherman's work relate to performance and conceptualism? How would you categorize her work?

Discuss the concept of the "male gaze" and how it relates to this body of work. Who is the implied viewer of Sherman's photos?