

Art 371

Contemporary Art: 1970 to Present

Research Paper Share

The Research Paper is your chance to demonstrate what you've learned this semester and is intended to provide an opportunity for a focused investigation that is meaningful to your undergraduate studies. Your main goal is to apply the concepts, theory, and information learned this semester to an analysis of a minimum of four contemporary works of art. This examination should consider the historical context in which the work was made, include adequate visual description of works, and utilize at least two art historical methodologies (biography, feminism, formalism, iconography, Marxism, psychoanalysis, and semiotics) with intention. Your paper must follow Chicago Manual of Style formatting for footnote (no bibliography) citations and cite at least five credible sources of information originating on paper that support and inform your arguments. The Research Paper is due on May 1 and is worth up to 200 points.

In preparation for your submission, you are asked to share a rough draft of your paper on Blackboard with a fellow Art 371 student. Each student will earn up to 35 points for editing errors, for providing constructive feedback, and for offering informed suggestions for improvement. Feedback should be well developed (full sentences) and thoroughly consider each of the elements included on the rubric. You are asked to use the following rubric to grade your partner's rough draft and include that grade in your feedback.

Research Paper Rubric			
Writing and Discussion			
Relevant topic		out of 5 points	
Clear thesis anchoring the analysis		out of 10 points	
Writing style and clarity		out of 10 points	
Reflects extensive research		out of 25 points	out of 50 points
Analysis			
Four artworks analyzed in depth		out of 20 points	
Visual Descriptions of artworks		out of 10 points	
Skilled use of methodologies		out of 20 points	
Analysis and thesis development		out of 20 points	out of 70 points
CMS Format & Citations			
Margins, font, spacing, etc.		out of 5 points	
Five sources originating on paper cited		out of 15 points	
Use of credible and relevant sources		out of 15 points	
Citations support argument & thesis		out of 5 points	
Footnote citations properly formatted		out of 10 points	out of 50 points
Consideration of historical context			out of 10 points
Application of concepts & information learned this semester			out of 20 points
Total			out of 200 points