

## Advanced Placement Art History Summer Assignment 2009

I'm so glad you'll be joining us in **A.P. Art History** this Fall!

Your summer assignment is due at the very start of school in September:

- 1) Obtain, read and highlight your very own copy of **The Annotated Mona Lisa: A Crash Course in Art History from Prehistoric to Post-Modern** by Carol Strickland.  
**ISBN 0-8362-8009-1, or ISBN 0-8362-8005-9**  
Mona is not difficult reading, will provide a solid base for later more complex class reading, and be a valuable resource when your later AP Exam review.

Please, bring your copy of **Annotated Mona Lisa** to class to receive credit for your summer reading & notes!

- 2) Bring a friend and visit the **National Gallery of Art** : select 3 favorite art works from 3 different periods of time.
  - a) in the first paragraph, thoughtfully describe your favorite painting, then describe the other paintings in the same room.
  - b) in the second paragraph, describe your second favorite piece, then the other work displayed near by
  - c) in the third paragraph, describe your third choice and the surrounding workDo remember to also note the 3 artist names, the artwork Titles, and dates

Extra credit, anyone?

- 3) Visit the **Natural Museum of History's** Egyptian /Etruscan/Mesopotamian Room: take notes and obtain 2 postcards, make 2 sketches, or take 2 flash-free photographs.
- 4) Bring a gelato spoon from the NGA...

The French teacher and I hope to offer a spring non-FCPS travel opportunity; a separate invitation with information on the **France** trip will be mailed soon. Please, inquire if you're interested and haven't received a summer letter by July; advanced art history and advanced studio students are all invited. By Spring 2010, art history students will all be able to recognize and discuss Roman aqueducts, Gothic architecture, Northern Renaissance art, Neoclassic painting, and Baroque do-dads.

The class will plan a Fall trip to the NYC museums and a exam review fieldtrip to a DC gallery!  
I hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer,

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