RESEARCH PAPER (Overview)
Art Appreciation (1301)
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I. Overall Discussion:
   A. The Research Paper is part of the course requirements for Art Appreciation -1301.
      1. Instructions and Samples for all 6 of the "Required Elements" of the Research Paper
         are located on Blackboard, "Assignments".
      2. You will decide to write either a "Descriptive Research Paper" or a "Comparative
         Research Paper".
         a.) A "Descriptive Research Paper" focuses on one work of art created by one
            or more artists.
         b.) A "Comparative Research Paper" focuses on exploring comparisons and
            contrasts between two works of art created by two or more artists.
   B. Your Research Paper Topic:
      1. Must be found within the field of fine art (including, but not limited to, painting,
         drawing, sculpture, architecture, ceramics, printmaking, video art, photography, or
         installation).
      2. Can be about art created during any period of history, and originating from any
         culture that you choose.
      3. A List of Topics is located on Blackboard, "Assignments".
      4. It is very important that you take the time to select a Topic that is of interest to you
         personally - you will write a much better paper if you find a topic that you like.

II. Required Elements (6):
   A. List of Required Elements:
      1. Cover Sheet.
      3. Outline.
      5. Works Cited.
   B. Cover Sheet (contents):
      1. Title of your Research Paper.
      2. Course Name and Number.
      3. Name of College
      4. Instructor's Name.
      5. Student's Name.
      6. Date.
   C. Thesis Statement (2 choices):
      1. The Thesis Statement identifies which type of Research Paper you will be writing.
      2. You will select either a "Descriptive Paper", or a "Comparative Paper".
3. The Thesis Statement must appear in the text of your Research Paper, usually within the first or second paragraph.

D. Outline:
1. The Outline is a summary of the most important information you have located while researching your Topic.
2. It is plan for writing your paper that shows, at a glance, the order, relationship, and relative importance of the ideas you will be writing about in your paper.

E. Research Paper:
1. The Research Paper must closely follow your Outline.
2. It must be written in paragraph format.
3. It will offer a detailed analysis of your Topic, utilizing the approaches you identified in your Thesis Statement.
4. It must be written using the Modern Language Association Format (MLA).
5. It must include “Parenthetical Documentation”. When you use the words, or original ideas of another person you must document their use by including the source in parenthesis ( ) within the text of your paper.

F. Works Cited:
1. Five sources are required.
2. The Works Cited must utilize MLA formatting.
3. It should include only the sources that have been utilized in the text of your Research Paper.

F. Visual Sheet:
1. One printed copy of the work(s) of art you are writing about is required.
2. You must label the image with the Title, Date, and Artist (if known), or the Culture.

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