

Purposes and Functions of-Art

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What is art?

- Welling up from human insight and intuition, art escapes any confined definition.
- Art helps us communicate with others.
- A given work of art may serve several functions all at once.
- Art experiences can be visual, performative, musical, conceptual.

In a general sense, the visual arts include all human creations in which visual form has a major consideration during their design and production.

Long before the development of farming and writing, art practices helped sustain bands of hunter-gatherers. Spiritual and/or magical purposes apparently motivated the making of the world's earliest carvings and cave _____.



ancient cave art

Art is often used to deliver messages to the populous, whether literate or illiterate. This can be seen in medieval churches and in present-day _____.

Objects of all kinds, from ancient , carefully crafted flint knives to sleek sports cars have been conceived to delight the eye as well as to serve more obviously useful functions. Well-designed utilitarian objects and spaces – from chairs to communities – bring pleasure and efficiency into our daily lives. Many societies value the _____ embellishment of everyday things: dishes, silverware, shoes, cell-phone covers.

Art also reveals a culture, or a person. Stonehenge reveals something about the people living in England about 2,000 years ago, though much remains a mystery.

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The sense of self can also be expressed in mixed media, as by Yong Soon Min. Originally from a Korean village, born in the early 1950s, moved to California, and grew up in the USA. Her installation style artwork expresses a dual culture in her work *Dwelling* which includes a traditional Korean-style dress, books, maps, pictures.



3 de Mayo by Francisco Goya

Artists in many societies have sought to criticize or influence values and _____ opinion through their work. Often this attempt is clear and direct, as with Francisco Goya's expression of outrage at the Napoleonic wars in his country (Spain).

Art that is visually attractive and well crafted can "lift us above the stream of live (Clive Bell)." Some of the finest objects of this sort were produced in Islamic lands.

Art has several _____:

- communicating information
- art for day-to-day living
- spiritual sustenance
- personal and cultural expression



Islamic tile pattern

Humans have a tendency to give physical form to things we feel, think and _____. We don't ask whether this is necessary; we simply proceed to do so without troubling ourselves. Human culture has throughout its history made objects and images to express our feelings - it becomes part of our society.