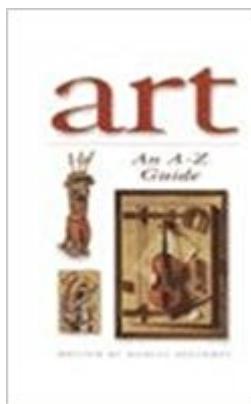


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# Art: An A-Z Guide (Pictures And Words)



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Gr 6 Up-Greenway highlights 59 terms that are important "to a discussion and understanding of art." Each term is richly illustrated with examples. While there are familiar paintings, there are also lesser-known works. For example, "Expressionism" is illustrated with Vincent van Gogh's The Starry Night and Edvard Munch's Girls on a Bridge. Sidebars highlight individual artists. Occasionally, the alphabetical framework seems contrived, but the text is succinct and the full-color photographs and reproductions, often several per concept, are lush and informative. For example, under "Decorative Arts," text and illustrations consider work from ancient Egypt, 11th-century Peru, and 19th- and 20th-century Europe and the U.S. Although art from Africa, Asia, and India is included, most of the illustrations feature Western art. An excellent introduction to art terms.-Laura Younkin, Ballard High School, Louisville, KYCopyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Initially, I got this book from our local library and loved it so much that I bought it. My kids and I read one topic per day until we finished the book. My boys are 8 and 10, and while some of the vocabulary was over their heads, they still got the gist of what was being explained. I loved that they were exposed to the names and paintings/works of the world's best artists without being overwhelmed with technical terms. I also like that it is arranged alphabetically (abstract, balance, calligraphy, etc). This mnemonic of sorts helped us remember different terms more easily. There

were a few artists I had hoped to see included in the book who were not, but by and large they hit on the most important to help kids be culturally literate when it comes to art. I think children as young as kindergarten could appreciate the pictures and some of the terms, but it is definitely for children a bit older. As an adult, I enjoy it and am learning from it as well.

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