

Art Terminology - General

Art – the completed work of an artist which is the expression of creativity or imagination, or both, that portrays a mood, feeling, or tells a story

Architecture – the art of designing and constructing buildings and other environmental features. Traditionally, the study of architecture has included monumental buildings such as cathedrals, temples, palaces and state buildings. In more modern times, it has expanded to other spaces including private homes, office buildings, restaurants and storefronts.

Conservation - the restoration and preservation of works of art.

Curator - the person in charge of a museum or art collection, particularly of designing exhibits, developing programming and arranging the purchase or loaning of art objects.

Docent - a person who is a knowledgeable guide, who conducts visitors through a museum and delivers a commentary on the exhibits

Exhibition/Exhibit – A large-scale and unified public showing of art objects, usually organized around a theme, such as a particular artist, movement or culture.

Gallery – a room or a series of rooms where works of art are displayed.

Masterpiece – a work done with extraordinary skill or effort, which represents an exceptionally great achievement during an artist's career.