

# History of Art, University of Warwick



## Reading List:

Art history covers a huge range of materials and types of art, from painting, sculpture and architecture, to design, and decorative and applied arts. So, whether you're interested in Caravaggio or ceramics, Fabergé eggs or furniture, German Expressionism or graffiti, there will be books out there for you. If you want to find out more about different aspects of art history here are some suggested books to read:

(taken from <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/arthistory/applying/offerholders/>)

James Hall, *Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols in Art* (London: John Murray, 1991)

Donald Preziosi, *The Art of Art History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009)

David Freedberg, *The Power of Images: Studies in the History and Theory of Response* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1989)

Michael Hatt and Charlotte Klonk, *Art History: A Critical Introduction to its Methods* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2006)

Erwin Panofsky, *Meaning in the Visual Arts* (London: Penguin, 1993; first published 1955)

Niklaus Pevsner, *An Introduction to European Architecture* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1972)

Michael Baxandall, *Painting and Experience in Fifteenth-Century Italy: A Primer in the Social History of Pictorial Style* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1972)

Mary Beard and John Henderson, *Classical Art, from Greece to Rome* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001)

Nicola Coldstream, *Medieval Architecture* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002)

Malcolm Andrews, *Landscape and Western Art* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999)

Leo Steinberg, *Other Criteria: Confrontations with Twentieth-Century Art* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1972)



## Online Resources List:

**You can find a wealth of online material relating to art history. All major, and many local, museums and galleries have an online presence, and many are active on Twitter and Instagram. The following are just some of the fantastic sites available for anyone interested in art and its history:**

<https://smarthistory.org/> Smart History offers a wealth of information on all aspects of art history, through essays, videos, exercises, and guided learning.

<http://www.arthistoryinschools.org.uk/alevelresources> Art History in Schools supports the teaching and learning of primary and secondary students and has a wonderful section of resources for A-level students exploring the history of art.

<https://artuk.org/> Art UK links to over 3,200 public art collections across the country. You can find out about art near to home as well as further afield, read about art and listen to podcasts about art. You can even curate your own selection of art works through their 'Discover Curations' section.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/> The MET Museum in New York has fantastic online resources and their Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History gives you a chance to look through a wealth of information, essays and images relating to all sorts of art works and artefacts. It can be searched by theme, time- period or geographically.

<https://www.arthistorynews.com/> Art History News is a blog edited by Bendor Grosvenor, an art historian and one of the presenters of the TV series 'Britain's Lost Masterpieces'. It is packed with all the latest news on the art world and exhibitions as well as information on famous works of art.

<https://www.wga.hu/index1.html> This is a fantastic source of images and information. Its focus is European art from the Medieval period to the 19th century. You can explore the Virtual Tours or search the site in several ways: by using the Artist Index, by looking for a period, a type of decorative object or an architectural period. There is also a quick search which allows you to search within 50-year blocks and by type of object.

<http://www.museumwnf.org/> Museum with no Frontiers brings together museums from around the world and you can explore the site through three main galleries Discover Islamic Art, Discover Baroque Art and Discover Carpet Art, but within these galleries you can also find out about architecture, pottery and other decorative arts.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2Dw1c7rxs6DmyK0pMRwpMq1/archive> The BBC Radio 4 series 'In Our Time' has been running for many years and each 45-minute programme brings experts together to discuss aspects of culture, history, science, religion and philosophy. Every programme is available to listen to and you can search the archive by genre or by era, or simply listen to what they recommend on a topic.