The Contemporary Art Movement is considered art from the 1960s to the present. There have been several schools of art during this period. One of the contemporary artists was Andy Warhol, left, best known as the artist who painted the soup can. Warhol was considered the king of Pop Art, and his works are considered to be important pieces of popular culture of the 70s and 80s. He used portraits of celebrities (Marilyn Monroe, Elvis) to explore themes of death, celebrity and postwar culture.

Course Assignment

Visit a local fine arts museum. Select a contemporary artist whose work is displayed in the museum and write a 4 page essay on the artist and his work. Include why you believe this artist fits well within the contemporary art school (in addition to the period of time the art...
was completed.) Highlight one significant artwork and give your own analysis of it. Use library databases, books and approved websites. Include a work cited page using MLA. Include images.

**Locating Books**

To access the library catalog, click on Library Catalog. Using your library card, you can request circulating books listed in the catalog and have them sent to UP for pick up.

Use the research database subject page, click on E-books, to search the eBook Collection. Ebooks are searchable and downloadable.

**Locating Articles**

Use the following databases have new and journal articles, films, and images.

*Academic Search Complete*

Full text articles from journals, magazines and newspapers, plus images.

*Oxford Art Online (includes Grove Art)*

Full-text reference covering all the visual arts from prehistory to the present with links to 5,000 images.

*Project Muse*

(Johns Hopkins University Press) Full-text articles from “over 300 high quality humanities, arts and some scientific journals.”

*Films on Demand*

High-quality, educational streaming video from companies such as Films for the Humanities, BBC and PBS.

**Internet Sites**

*Art History Resources on the Web*

Search for contemporary art and artists. This mammoth site has good info. Another pop artist we like is Keith Haring, major graffiti artist. (Haring work to the left.)

*Artinfo*

This fun site offers breaking news, profiles of top and emerging artists, market trends and analysis, also contains information on thousands of artists.

*Clara: Database of Women Artists*

This unique database contains authoritative information on thousands of women visual artists, of many periods and nationalities. Search for contemporary artists. Choose ones you like and see what else you can find on that person.
Local Fine Arts Museums

Houston is considered one of the primary art centers of the south. In addition to many small galleries, there are two major contemporary galleries worth visiting. The Pearl Fincher is a local museum, connected with the Fine Arts Museum of Houston. **ADMISSION: ALWAYS FREE**

1. Contemporary Arts Museum  
   5216 Montrose Blvd.  
   Houston, Texas  77006  
   713-284-8250

2. Menil Collection  
   1533 Sul Ross St.  
   Houston, Texas  77006  
   713-525-9400

3. Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts  
   6815 Cypresswood Dr.  
   Spring, Texas  77379  
   281-376-6322

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1. Use the MLA paper guide or online [MLA Guide](http://www.menil.org/).
2. Watch for the tutor in the library during research time.
3. Use the Writing Center.
4. [About Student Success](http://www.menil.org/) in Angel is a short course on study skills, research, using technology and more.

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