

Renaissance Art Project

Introduction: Art, as we have learned, is subjective, meaning that it is viewed and appreciated by people in different ways. Nonetheless, art historians look for commonalities and themes so that art can shine light on a particular time period. By studying art during the Renaissance, we learn something about what people of the time valued. Four key values of the time were:

- Humanism
- Individualism
- Secularism
- Skepticism

Part 1: Refresh your understanding of HISS by reading your notes in the packet and pages 8-9.

Part 2: Given A) that art is a reflection of the time and B) Renaissance values have endured in our modern age and culture, this project asks you to demonstrate your understanding of HISS through a photo and writing project. The goal of these photographs is to capture the essence of the Renaissance in your everyday lives and convey how those values are still present today.

- You will take 4 photographs of people, objects, walls, floor, display cases (anything!) in the high school. Each photograph must represent one element of HISS.
- Pictures may be staged or spontaneous, but must *clearly* communicate the meaning of the letter represented.
- The photos may be literal or abstract.
- Label the photos, share them with mccollumk@wellesleys.org through google.

Part 3

Following the completion of your photos, you will write a 5 paragraph essay analyzing how the elements of HISS are shown in your photos *and* in modern-day society. The first 4

paragraphs will each detail one letter of HISS, and the 5th is a conclusion paragraph that answers the questions below. **FORMAT:**

Paragraph 1:

- Provide a definition of H, I, S, or S. What does it mean?
- Describe how your photo shows that value.
- Connect your photo to modern day society.

Paragraph 2:

- Follow the paragraph 1 model for a different letter of HISS

Paragraph 3:

- Follow the paragraph 1 model for a different letter of HISS

Paragraph 4:

- Follow the paragraph 1 model for a different letter of HISS

Paragraph 5:

- How did Renaissance artists show HISS in their work? You must mention at least one artist from the European Renaissance.
- How easy or difficult was it to find HISS in the school?
- Do you think art is a valid way to see the values of society? Explain.