



Aesthetics: philosophy and art

WHAT IS ART?



**BEFORE WE
START...**

Fill in the following sentence on your worksheet:

Example “A” is a work of art if an *only* if

YOUR ASSIGNMENT...

- Use your definition of art as a guide. You must stick to the guidelines you wrote.
- Write the title of the artwork in the left column, check “yes,” “no,” or “maybe” depending on whether or not the example in the slide fits into your definition of a work of art. Give a brief explanation of why.

TITLE	YES	NO	MAYBE
1.			
2.			
3.			

1. *Mona Lisa*, by Leonardo da Vinci, 1503, oil painting

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mona_Lisa



2. *Study of a Horse*, by Leonardo da Vinci, 1490, sketch

- <http://www.howtodrawjourney.com/leonardo-da-vinci-drawings.html>



3. *Lick and Lather*, by Leonardo da Vinci, 1993, chocolate and soap

<https://art21.org/read/janine-antoni-lick-and-lather/>



4. *Lavender
Mist*, by
Jackson
Pollock, 1950,
splattered
paint

<https://www.wikiart.org/en/jackson-pollock/number-1-lavender-mist-1950-1>





5. *Who's Afraid of Red, Yellow, and Blue*, by
Barnett Newman, 1966, oil on canvas

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Who%27s_Afraid_of_Red,_Yellow_and_Blue

6. A
second
grader's
watercolor
painting



7. *Fountain*, Marcel Duchamp, 1919, readymade art

- http://www.theartstory.org/artist-duchamp-marcel-artworks.htm#pnt_4



8. *Bicycle Wheel*, Marcel Duchamp, 1951, readymade art

- https://www.moma.org/learn/moma_learning/marcel-duchamp-bicycle-wheel-new-york-1951-third-version-after-lost-original-of-1913



9. Bicycle

- <http://dreamicus.com/bicycle.html>





10. Handmade mug, clay

- <https://www.lookbetweenthelines.com/mixed-media-art/handmade-ceramics-wood-grain-mugs-vases/>

11. A mass produced mug, clay

- <http://www.target.com/p/clay-art-tapered-base-mug-15oz-stoneware-navy-gold-triangles/-/A-51093374>



12. *The Tetons
and the Snake
River*, 1942,
Ansel Adams,
Film
photography

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ansel_Adams#Death_and_legacy



13. An Instagram photo, iPhone picture

- <https://www.instagram.com/p/BUrzd5hC1k/?taken-by=whitneywpanetta&hl=en>



14. *Le Divan Japonais*, by
Toulouse-Lautrec, 1893,
lithograph print

- <http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/works-of-art/58.621.17/>



15. Star Wars, The Force Awakens, Movie poster, digitally created and printed

- <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/500251471089750472/>



16. Graffiti

- https://www.moma.org/learn/moma_learning/marcel-duchamp-bicycle-wheel-new-york-1951-third-version-after-lost-original-of-1913

