Art History Fact Sheet

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Why Major in Art History?!

Art history provides critical tools for navigating our image-saturated lives and preparing for many sectors of the professional world. By training you how to analyze the visual arts, material culture, and architecture from different historical periods and geographical regions, art history prepares you for a society that demands articulate interpreters of the visible world. Art history is about vision in the broadest sense, how people saw themselves in the past, and how we see ourselves in the present and future. Art historians understand art as an instrument of power and recognize its potential for influencing contemporary social issues. We examine how art reflects and shapes its surroundings and how artists use their work for political agency, social justice, racial justice, and community