

Contemporary Art

Final Lecture

Goals

- Appreciate the types of art that have been created since the early 20th century.
 - Abstract Expressionism
 - Pop Art
 - Video Art
 - Land Art
 - Conceptual Art
- Understand how globalism has influenced non-Western artists in their pursuit of contemporary art.

What do you see, what is the message?



Pablo Picasso. Guernica. 1937. Oil on canvas. 11'6" x 25'8"





When did abstraction in art
begin?



Due to WWII, the center of art moved from Paris to New York

Why express yourself in the abstract?

Abstract expressionism

- Responding to the alienations after WWII.
- Not really a formal movement
- Based in NYC
- Convey emotion through abstraction

Mark Rothko, *No. 210/No. 211 (Orange)*, 1960, oil on canvas, 175.3 x 160 cm

(Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art)

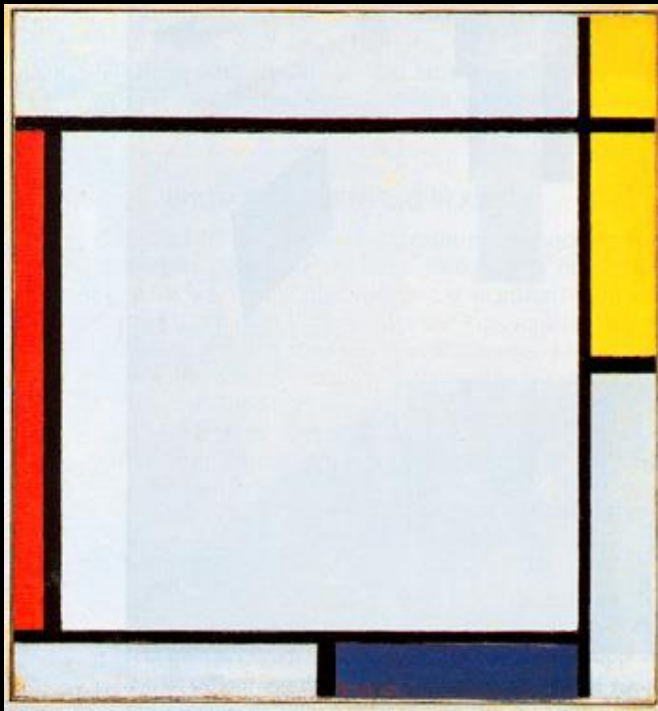




What do you see?
What do you feel?



Both are abstract,
but not the same
kind of abstract...



Both have orange rectangles, but the meaning is different



Does art need a subject matter?



[Video](#) about Rothko's Painting



Rothko Chapel, Houston, Texas



Brief [Biography](#) about Mark Rothko

Jackson Pollock. Autumn Rhythm
(Number 30), 1950. 8'9" x 17'3"

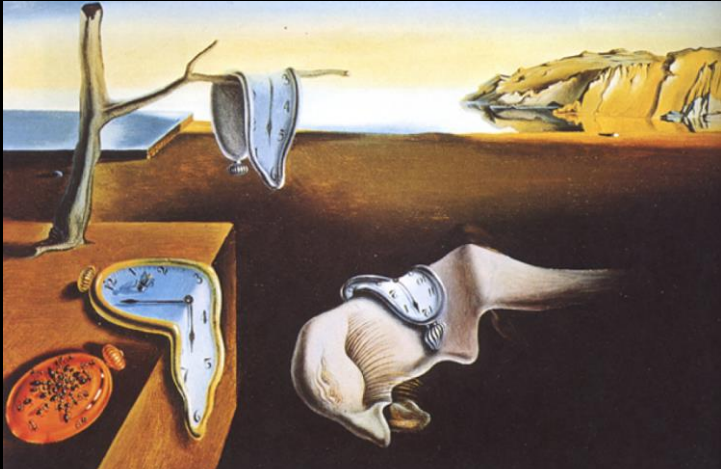


Which
way is
up?



Action Painting (this is the standard orientation for this painting)





Inspired by surrealism
and the unconscious





[Video](#) about Pollock

Robert
Rauschenberg.

Canyon.

1959.



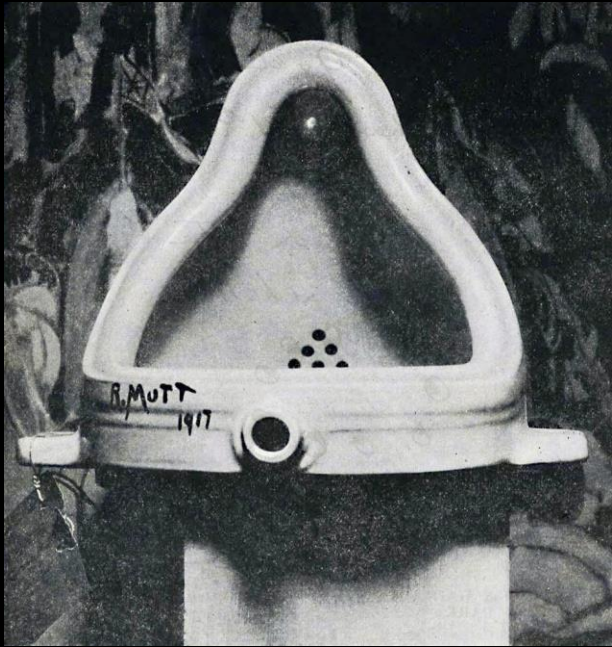
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“Combine”





Undermines the
autonomy of art and
blurring boundaries
of various art-styles
or genres.



Pop art pushed to its zenith



Andy Warhol. Marilyn Diptych. 1962



Mass art, mass production, consumer culture



Video About Andy Warhol



Roy Lichtenstein. Oh, Jeff... I love you too... but... 1964.



Ben-day dots



Land Art



Robert Smithson, *Spiral Jetty*, 1970, Rozel Point, Great Salt Lake, Utah, 1500 (if unwound) x 15 foot spiral of basalt, sand, and soil,

Cindy Sherman. Untitled Film Still 21.
1978





Who is she?



What is real? What is not? What can
we trust?



What does Contemporary Art by Non-Western Artists look like?

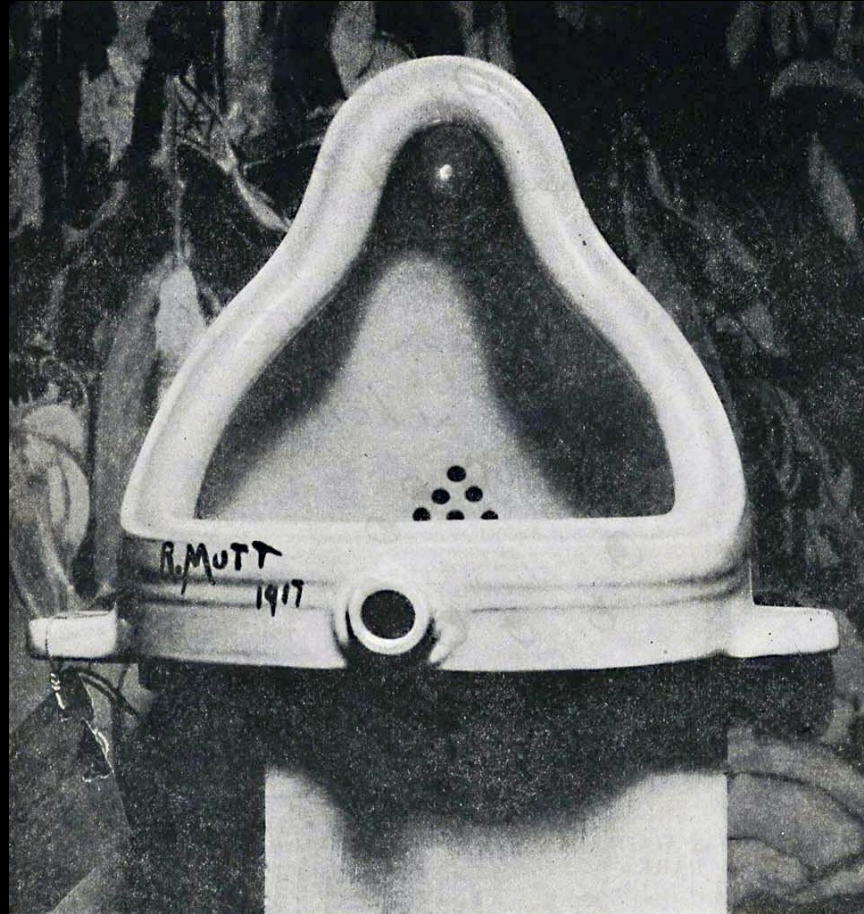
Yinka Shonibare. **Scramble for Africa**. 2003. 14
Life-size fiberglass mannequins, 14 chairs,
table, and Dutch wax-printed cotton.



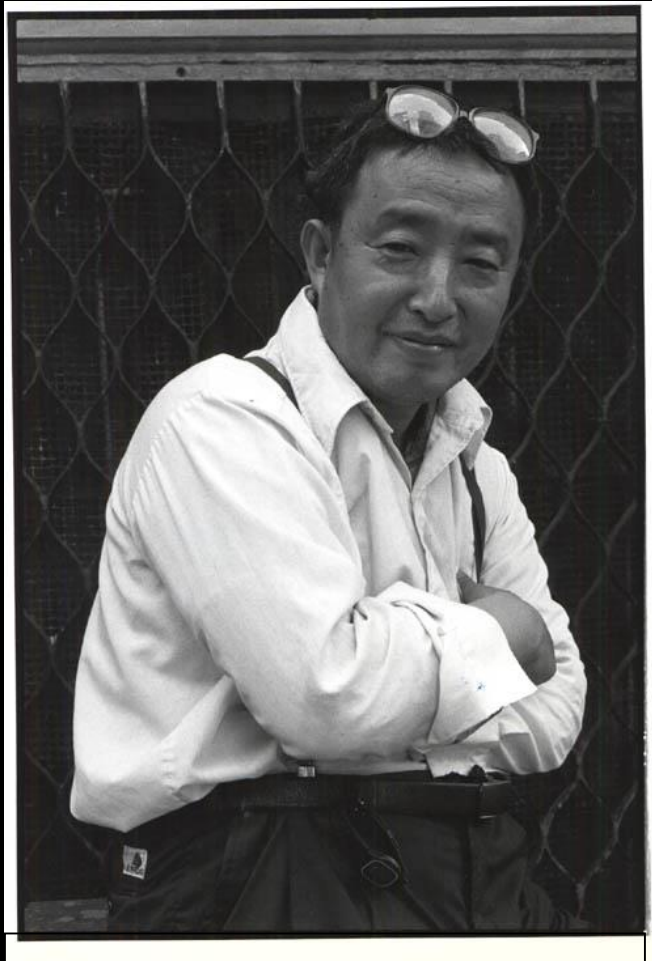
El Anatsui (b. 1944). **Between Heaven and Earth**. 2006. Aluminum, copper, wire. Metropolitan Museum of Art



About Conceptual Art



Nam June Paik (1932-2006) The Father of Video Art





Nam June Paik. "TV Buddha" first installation in 1974

Nam June Paik.
Electronic Superhighway: Continental US.
1995.



Video



Connections between us and the world, almost predicting the explosion of internet.

Ai Weiwei. Han Jar with Coca Cola
Logo. 1995. Earthenware



What do you make of the Coca-Cola logo stenciled onto an actual 2000-year-old Han Dynasty jar?

