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Who were the people who contributed to its change and how was it influenced by the war? Many people in the U. Male characters would usually have enormously huge muscles as seen in Dragonball Z and GT , powerful bodies and maybe, on occasion, have gigantic robots as seen in cartoons like Robotech and Gundam Wing. Where did all these cartoons come from? To find the answer one must look no further than in Japan, the birthplace of Japanese animation, the main source for all of this madness. Japanese animation, also known as anime pronounced "ani-may" , is a popular form of animation in Japan which is quickly spreading in the U. The major difference between anime and American cartoons is that unlike American cartoons, which are only watched by children, anime is popular among the Japanese adults and is watched by millions. The audience is not merely directed to children but to teens and adults as well. The same applies to Japanese comics known as manga. In order to understand anime and its invasion into the US, a look into its history would be most appropriate. The best place to start is around World War II, since that was the time when the anime and manga Japanese comics industry evolved significantly. The World of Japanese Comics, those who failed to cooperate were punished by "preventive detention, bans on writing, and social ostracism, while those who recanted were rewarded with rehabilitation programs and support from the community Around , many organizations for artists and cartoonists were formed. Animation in the US: In another part of the world, an influential artist who went by the name of Walt Disney was struggling as a cartoonist. Disney decided to work on other projects and started on an animated feature film called Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The film, released in , was a spectacular hit. Nevertheless, Disney continued to work and released Pinocchio and Fantasia in Although the two were technical masterpieces, the studio was losing a great deal of money since they were losing the foreign market due to the war. Disney then released Dumbo, on a very limited budget, in and Bambi in As a result of releasing many expensive and costly films during the war, Disney began to diminish in influence. Throughout the war, Disney concentrated on making propaganda and training films for the military. After the war, Disney Studios struggled to make it back to top as they released several "package" films containing groups of short cartoons packaged together. By , Disney Studios regained success with the live action film, Treasure Island, and the animated feature, Cinderella. With all the success, Walt Disney felt there was still something he had not yet accomplished. It was not until he found his intriguing attraction to amusement parks that pushed him to build his own theme park, one that children, parent, and people of all ages could enjoy. Thus after many years of planning, construction, and development, Disneyland was built in It became a monumental park that brought visitors from around the world. Though Disneyland kept Disney rather busy, he, along with his studio and team, continued releasing quality entertainment. Unfortunately, the s brought the end of an era: However, the Walt Disney Studios managed to survive under the plans that Walt left behind and under the guidance of his brother Roy Disney. By Roy Disney died and for the next decade, the company was led by a team who was originally trained by the Disney brothers. The Master Brings Life to Animation: However, it was not until Tezuka released his ultimate work Tetsuwan Atomu Astro Boy that he achieved success; he was pronounced "the Father of Manga and Anime". When Tezuka made a name for himself in the industry, he managed to establish his own production company in He formed Mushi Productions, where he released his best work, Astro Boy. The style of his illustrations and characters came from French and German cinema. His characters exploded with life and emotion, and his stories would unfold themselves on hundreds of pages. There was much controversy in the past about this anime after Disney released a similar version with the movie The Lion King with Simba as the main character. Although Disney denies this, many believe that Disney stole the anime and recreated it with their own version. In , two years after Roy Disney died, Mushi Productions went bankrupt. However, Tezuka still creates comics and animation with a new company. Some of his works include Buddha, Hi no Tori Phoenix , and one of his more recent works, Black Jack, which is about an outlaw doctor. That would probably explain why many of his works "are characterized by their

humanism and respect for life Miyazaki, who works for Studio Ghibli or [www. Hayao Miyazaki](#) Courtesy of Nausicaa. As for me, I have been an avid otaku fan of anime for a very long time. I am more of an anime fan than a manga fan since I own and view more anime. I started out with anime ever since I started watching cartoons when I was little. I was exposed to anime back in Saudi Arabia because till this day, mostly all of the cartoons they show for children are originally anime except they are translated in Arabic. I moved here in the U. I always thought to myself that the cartoons here were very different from the cartoons back in Saudi Arabia I never really knew it was anime at the time. On occasion when my father would travel, I would give him a list of anime that I wanted and he would get it for me. Of course, many of these tapes were under different titles than the original anime from Japan. For many of you otakus out there, you may not recognize these titles. Unfortunately, I do not know the original Japanese title they were under. However, those of you familiar with Arabic anime may recognize some of these titles. Anyhow, that was my source of anime but it still was not enough for me. I knew there had to be anime here in the states, I just did not know where to look. I recognized the style of animation and I was sure that it was not American animation. That was when I learned that all the cartoons I have loved were originally from Japan and were called "anime. Around , I came across Cartoon Network, and I started seeing more anime. Then I did some research on the internet and learned more about anime, the different types of anime, and some terms used in the Japanese pop culture. Along with that, I also learned about manga and realized that many anime start out as Japanese comics before they become animated features. Till this day, I still continually learn more about anime and manga. I also continue to draw, developing my own style and forming my own characters, hoping that someday I will create my own anime and manga. However, the manga industry was still growing slowly and had a long way to go. As a result, years later he became a pioneer in anime, and was the man responsible for the success of anime and manga worldwide. As a result, the series was released into three theatrical films. Sometime during the same year, Miyazaki released the movie, Princess Mononoke with help from Disney. WWW Sites There are countless sites about anime, some general and some specific. This is a very popular and very useful site. Another informative site one would want to visit is Anime on TV History. Understanding Anime is also another useful site to learn about the various forms of Japanese Animation. This site has information about the art, character designs, mechanical designs, and more. One more site to include is the History of Manga. Unfortunately, the only problem with this site is that the pictures and images are broken. Besides that it has some good information on manga, Japanese comics which are usually how most anime start out as. The year History Of Television Anime: From to shows an excellent list of all anime that has been shown in the U. As for sites non-related to anime but related to general or American animation, some of the best sources are to visit are Disney, Warner Bros. Dreamland Japan by Frederick L. Schodt, Stone Bridge Press, Schodt, Kodansha International,

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Art as more than a mere visual representation of objective reality: What motivating factors are there? Art as the depiction of modernity: Art as a means of social or political engagement: Art as a reflection of history: These key themes can be explored in an hour and fifteen minutes through a variety of examples, including: Automatic drawing or painting occurs when the artist makes an attempt to remove the conscious mind from the act of creation, through doodling or applying paint to a surface in a haphazard or unplanned manner. Built on the influences of Expressionism, Neoplasticism, Constructivism among others, the Bauhaus exemplified here in the work of Herbert Bayer and Marcel Breuer was a revolutionary new take on the traditional art school model, bringing the fine arts painting, sculpture, and architecture and the applied arts typically, design fields like furniture, stained glass, woodworking, printmaking, and so on under one roof and one curriculum. It is exemplified here in the performance of Hugo Ball and the readymades of Marcel Duchamp. As such, it stands as a sort of antidote to nineteenth-century French Impressionism, which sought to recreate outward sensations. Neoplasticism also known as De Stijl: The Return to Order: The hard outlines around his female figures emphasize the two-dimensionality of the canvas while contrasting visually with the passage of color from one form to another. It is clear, for example, that certain brushstrokes move from one figure to another across what should be their outline. In *The Joy of Life*, yellow, blue-green, and pink nudes dance, sing, and frolic in an untouched, multicolored Eden. By alternately exaggerating and simplifying forms, Matisse made artistic choices that emphasized the canvas as a two-dimensional support for the harmonious juxtaposition of color rather than any sort of accurate representation of nature. Responding to charges of ugliness made about his *Blue Nude*, Matisse famously quipped: Above all, I do not create a woman, I make a picture. Expressionism, largely a German invention, was represented by two major groups: A simple and telling exercise: Though these women address the viewer, their eyes are blackened, implying an inability or unwillingness to make basic human connections. A concern over the effects of modernity and the city on the human psyche was a leitmotif of Expressionist thought. *Der Blaue Reiter* The Blue Rider was formed in Munich and focused on the possibility of pure abstraction art without recognizable objects. The leader of *Der Blaue Reiter*, Wassily Kandinsky wrote an influential treatise entitled *On the Spiritual in Art* in that, among other things, argued that abstraction offered a universality that representation could not, and that color acted autonomously from form as a carrier for spiritual values thought to be lost in the experience of modernity. If, as Kandinsky suggests, color could exist outside of form, what would it look like? Kandinsky and his followers were fond of comparing visual art to music. Consider terms mutually used to describe art and music, like tone, harmony, and for Kandinsky the names of his paintings themselves: Music, in the eyes of the Expressionists, was the perfect metaphor for abstract art; though it has form and tone, though it can be felt and heard, its forms cannot be seen. They can, however, be written, notated, and visualized. Bach comes to mind, or the Futurists or Dadaists who followed them, for that matter. This is how, for example, it is possible to see the women he represented both frontally and in profile. The visual innovations of Cubism and Expressionism catalyzed artists across Europe who sought to express the modern age in their art. In Italy and later, Russia, Futurism embraced modernity, specifically seeking to incorporate advances from science and industry into their multifaceted production. *Simultaneous Visions* encapsulates many of the major themes of Futurism. Spurred on by the maddening pace of modern life, the Futurists believed in the concept of simultaneity: Here, a woman looks from a staggering height off of her balcony onto the city street below. His *Unique Forms of Continuity in Space* attempted to do exactly that, showing the development of a figure striding in forward motion. Though the upright figure has powerful legs that cut the air, creating swirling vortexes, its face and chest are largely caved in, suggesting the forces resisting its progress. Was it a modern man-machine, ready to leap into battle? While it embraced modern art, then Cubist and Expressionist paintings were exhibited at the Cabaret Voltaire, and Futurist sound poems and manifestos were declaimed Dada agitated for the

destruction of the commercial art institution, using performance to create art that could not be commodified. Dada stood for an embrace of the irrational and original versus traditional concepts of reason and tradition. Written in a nonsense language meant to mimic certain African dialects an unfortunately racist, if well-intentioned attempt to reach for inspiration beyond the Western canon, Ball created *Karawane* to be spoken aloud rather than read silently, and he thus emphasized the phonetic qualities of the words rather than their meaning. His performance of *Karawane*, then, should be read as much as a celebration of modern art as it is a takedown of the hallowed Western intellectual bastion of reason, which "for the Dada group" was not worth much, when it ultimately created machine guns, tanks, bombs, and other devices to more efficiently kill millions in a devastating war. As an idea, Dada spread quickly, spawning factions across the globe. Marcel Duchamp was an artist whose work was closely associated with Dada who worked between Paris and New York. His artistic maneuvers "often meant to directly question the most basic assumptions of art itself" placed him among the most important artists of the twentieth century. He took an article of life, placed it so that its useful significance disappeared under the new title and point of view "created a new thought for that object. What is a work of art? Who gets to decide? If the artist gets to decide what a work of art is, then is choosing a work of art significantly different than creating it? Can an idea "not an object" be a work of art? Art Between the Wars World War I had a devastating effect on Europe and on the psyches of every man, woman, and child that it reached. In the arts, there was a decided shift following World War I toward concepts of order, harmony, and beauty to counteract the chaos, division, and ugliness of the war machine. One reason was reconstruction: Europe needed to come together and heal after the war, rather than slipping into factions based on wartime alignments. If links could be made, say, to a shared Greco-Roman past exemplified artistically in notions of order, proportion, and beauty, then that might enable Europeans to see each other once more on common ground. A third reason could be described as follows to really drive the point home for students: Indeed, there was even a feeling among a small set of intellectuals that World War I was something akin to divine punishment for the decadence of modernity, and that abstraction in the arts was symptomatic of that decadence. Ultimately, all of this pointed to a trend toward order in the interwar period. Purism is an excellent place to start in outlining this shift. Indeed, many of the more radical artists of the prewar period experienced something of a crisis in addressing abstraction after WWI. This formally retrograde movement within prewar avant-garde circles has been referred to as the Return to Order. Without belaboring the point, it is nonetheless instructive and effective to show two works by the Italian Futurist Gino Severini and two by Picasso that indicate the modified stakes in their art before and after the war. The surging, upright perhaps even transcendent? While it should be noted that Picasso continued to paint in a Cubist style during these years alongside paintings like *Three Women*, he was nevertheless influenced and affected by the Return to Order. This is not to say, however, that all attempts at postwar organization and harmony were retreats. Some of the most radical abstraction that Modernism featured was also built around principles of simplicity, order, and functionality. Due to its simple geometry and balance, Neoplasticism was able to move easily from painting into the realms of design and architecture. In creating this visual effect, Mondrian essentially created a small painting that nevertheless conditions our experience of an entire wall; beyond its highbrow universal aims, then, this painting cleverly crosses a boundary into practical and functional interior design. Due to certain similarities between the two, Neoplasticism came into close contact with Constructivism in the s. Despite their differences, all Constructivist art was made possible by new, industrial forms and materials, and that necessary materialism led to geometric forms and an idea that the artist should also be an engineer, constructing a new and radical modern world. First, Lissitzky shows his competency in a host of artistic media: Showing a photograph from the International Congress of Constructivists and Dadaists in Weimar, Germany is an easy and effective way to explain the truly international spirit of collaboration that took place in the arts during the interwar period. The silliness of seeing these groundbreaking artists hamming it up for the camera also breathes life into their pursuits, showing them as fun-loving individuals in an exciting artistic moment rather than stuffy thinkers working laboriously in studios. It also provides a wonderful chance to develop the Bauhaus "33 as an influential and essential player in the interwar period. Built on the influences of Expressionism, Neoplasticism, and Constructivism among others, the Bauhaus was a revolutionary new

take on the traditional art school model, bringing the fine arts painting, sculpture, architecture and the applied arts typically, design fields like furniture, stained glass, woodworking, printmaking, and so on under one roof and one curriculum. Later in its tenure, the original mission statement of art and craft changed to art and technology, as the Bauhaus geared itself more toward industrial production of its modern designs. Though Bayer experimented with many different font types in his poster, each is bold, regular and legible. Limiting his palette to few colors again, like Mondrian or Lissitzky might have, Bayer made a bold, attention-grabbing statement with his modern poster design. The Bauhaus is perhaps best known, though, for the actual products that it produced in its design studio. An easy present-day comparison that students might easily wrap their heads around is Ikea, which makes functional, streamlined, artfully designed objects available for public consumption. One last major avant-garde movement of the interwar period was Surrealism, whose adherents rejected the notions of order and beauty supported above. For the Surrealists, who claimed heritage in the prewar Dada movement, it was exactly that dogged adherence to rationality that had led humanity on an unending pursuit of progress. Following the philosophical concepts of psychologists like Freud, Surrealism claimed precedence for the irrational, for chance, for the uncanny, and for the unconscious. Masson began by splashing and adhesive gesso across his canvas, then sprinkling sand on it to see where it would stick; this integrated a relatively uncontrolled element of chance into the work. Working from the forms created by the sand, Masson quickly—and as absentmindedly as possible—doodled drawings on the rest of the canvas, also occasionally applying paint directly from the tube. The unplanned image that emerged was one that Masson read as a violent struggle between two fanged sea beasts. Having fought in World War I and having seen the widespread destruction of French soil, Masson claimed this work sprang from his unconscious mind with the universal truth that nature, left to its own devices, will ultimately reveal the barbarism and nastiness of life. Indeed, barbarism would be the order of the s. The Constructivist-inspired Soviet Pavilion seems to hurl itself at the Neoclassically inspired German pillar, as the two countries were wary competitors at the moment. All of this suggests that the countries of Europe were very clear as early as that a major conflict was imminent. A brief shot of the Nazi flag flapping in front of the Eiffel Tower is a harrowing reminder of the French occupation. The tiny town of Guernica in the Basque section of Northern Spain had been catastrophically bombed by German and Italian airplanes at the behest of Spanish Nationalist leader Francisco Franco in The fact that none of this is stated in the video—the silence itself—is telling. While the video is a time capsule that serves to explain the stakes of the international showdown of WWII, Guernica itself is a powerful antiwar image that might stand here for the powerful international network of propagandistic art during WWII. Indeed, a major piece of Surrealist iconography one with which Masson would have agreed was the Minotaur of Greek mythology. Half-human, half-bull, the Minotaur signified for the Surrealists the dual nature of Man as both higher being of reason and instinctive animal. Across the Atlantic Unfortunately, it is not particularly easy to integrate the modern art of the United States into a chronological discussion of European movements, given the entirely different host of historical and sociocultural factors that influenced each. There were, however, a number of movements in the U.

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*Modern Art Of Japan Since Painting li Modernism wikipedia, modernism is a philosophical movement that, along with cultural trends and changes, arose from wide scale and far reaching transformations.*

Kofun art[ edit ] The third stage in Japanese prehistory, the Kofun period c. The period is named for the large number of kofun megalithic tombs created during this period. In this period, diverse groups of people formed political alliances and coalesced into a nation. Typical artifacts are bronze mirrors, symbols of political alliances, and clay sculptures called haniwa which were erected outside tombs. Asuka and Nara art[ edit ] A dragon-head pitcher with Pegasus pattern incised, gilded bronze with silver, Asuka period, 7th century, former Horyu-ji Temple treasures, Tokyo National Museum During the Asuka and Nara periods , so named because the seat of Japanese government was located in the Asuka Valley from to and in the city of Nara until , the first significant influx of continental Asian culture took place in Japan. The transmission of Buddhism provided the initial impetus for contacts between China, Korea and Japan. The Japanese recognized the facets of Chinese culture that could profitably be incorporated into their own: Throughout the 7th and 8th centuries, however, the major focus in contacts between Japan and the Asian continent was the development of Buddhism. Not all scholars agree on the significant dates and the appropriate names to apply to various time periods between , the official date of the introduction of Buddhism into Japan, and , when the Japanese capital was transferred from Nara. After the Chinese Northern Wei buddhist art had infiltrated a Korean peninsula, Buddhist icons were brought to Japan by Various immigrant groups. At the four corners of the platform are the Guardian Kings of the Four Directions , carved in wood around Only a few fragments of the original statue survive, and the present hall and central Buddha are reconstructions from the Edo period. Clustered around the Daibutsuden on a gently sloping hillside are a number of secondary halls: The term Heian period refers to the years between and , when the Kamakura shogunate was established at the end of the Genpei War. The period is further divided into the early Heian and the late Heian, or Fujiwara era , the pivotal date being , the year imperial embassies to China were officially discontinued. At the core of Shingon worship are mandalas , diagrams of the spiritual universe, which then began to influence temple design. Japanese Buddhist architecture also adopted the stupa , originally an Indian architectural form , in its Chinese-style pagoda. The temples erected for this new sect were built in the mountains, far away from the Court and the laity in the capital. The irregular topography of these sites forced Japanese architects to rethink the problems of temple construction, and in so doing to choose more indigenous elements of design. Cypress-bark roofs replaced those of ceramic tile, wood planks were used instead of earthen floors, and a separate worship area for the laity was added in front of the main sanctuary. In the Fujiwara period , Pure Land Buddhism , which offered easy salvation through belief in Amida the Buddha of the Western Paradise , became popular. This period is named after the Fujiwara family , then the most powerful in the country, who ruled as regents for the Emperor, becoming, in effect, civil dictators. Concurrently, the Kyoto nobility developed a society devoted to elegant aesthetic pursuits. So secure and beautiful was their world that they could not conceive of Paradise as being much different. They created a new form of Buddha hall, the Amida hall, which blends the secular with the religious, and houses one or more Buddha images within a structure resembling the mansions of the nobility. It consists of a main rectangular structure flanked by two L-shaped wing corridors and a tail corridor, set at the edge of a large artificial pond. Inside, a single golden image of Amida c. Applied to the walls of the hall are small relief carvings of celestials, the host believed to have accompanied Amida when he descended from the Western Paradise to gather the souls of believers at the moment of death and transport them in lotus blossoms to Paradise. Dating from about , the Genji Monogatari Emaki , a famous illustrated Tale of Genji represents the earliest surviving yamato-e handscroll, and one of the high points of Japanese painting. Written about the year by Murasaki Shikibu , a lady-in-waiting to the Empress Akiko , the novel deals with the life and loves of Genji and the world of the Heian court after his death. The 12th-century artists of the e-maki version devised a system of pictorial conventions that convey visually the emotional content of each scene. In the second half of the century, a different, livelier style of continuous narrative illustration became popular. The Ban Dainagon

Ekotoba late 12th century , a scroll that deals with an intrigue at court, emphasizes figures in active motion depicted in rapidly executed brush strokes and thin but vibrant colors. There are many fine differences in the two styles, appealing to the aesthetic preferences of the genders. But perhaps most easily noticeable are the differences in subject matter. Onna-e, epitomized by the Tale of Genji handscroll, typically deals with court life, particularly the court ladies, and with romantic themes. Otoko-e often recorded historical events, particularly battles. With the shift of power from the nobility to the warrior class, the arts had to satisfy a new audience: Thus, realism, a popularizing trend, and a classical revival characterize the art of the Kamakura period. In the Kamakura period, Kyoto and Nara remained the centres of artistic production and high culture. The Kei school of sculptors, particularly Unkei , created a new, more realistic style of sculpture. The Kego Engi Emaki , the illustrated history of the founding of the Kego sect, is an excellent example of the popularizing trend in Kamakura painting. The Kego sect, one of the most important in the Nara period, fell on hard times during the ascendancy of the Pure Land sects. The wives of samurai had been discouraged from learning more than a syllabary system for transcribing sounds and ideas see kana , and most were incapable of reading texts that employed Chinese ideographs kanji. Thus, the Kego Engi Emaki combines passages of text, written with a maximum of easily readable syllables, and illustrations that have the dialogue between characters written next to the speakers, a technique comparable to contemporary comic strips. The plot of the e-maki, the lives of the two Korean priests who founded the Kego sect, is swiftly paced and filled with fantastic feats such as a journey to the palace of the Ocean King, and a poignant mom story. One of the most beautiful passages illustrates the episode in which Murasaki Shikibu is playfully held prisoner in her room by two young courtiers, while, just outside, moonlight gleams on the mossy banks of a rivulet in the imperial garden.

Higashiyama period During the Muromachi period “”, also called the Ashikaga period, a profound change took place in Japanese culture. The Ashikaga clan took control of the shogunate and moved its headquarters back to Kyoto, to the Muromachi district of the city. With the return of government to the capital, the popularizing trends of the Kamakura period came to an end, and cultural expression took on a more aristocratic, elitist character. Because of secular ventures and trading missions to China organized by Zen temples, many Chinese paintings and objects of art were imported into Japan and profoundly influenced Japanese artists working for Zen temples and the shogunate. Not only did these imports change the subject matter of painting, but they also modified the use of color; the bright colors of Yamato-e yielded to the monochromes of painting in the Chinese manner, where paintings generally only have black and white or different tones of a single color. Typical of early Muromachi painting is the depiction by the priest-painter Kao active early 15th century of the legendary monk Kensu Hsien-tzu in Chinese at the moment he achieved enlightenment. This type of painting was executed with quick brush strokes and a minimum of detail. Executed originally for a low-standing screen, it has been remounted as a hanging scroll with inscriptions by contemporary figures above, one of which refers to the painting as being in the "new style". In the foreground a man is depicted on the bank of a stream holding a small gourd and looking at a large slithery catfish. Mist fills the middle ground, and the background mountains appear to be far in the distance. It is generally assumed that the "new style" of the painting, executed about , refers to a more Chinese sense of deep space within the picture plane. Landscape of the Four Seasons Sansui Chokan; c. Oda, a minor chieftain, acquired power sufficient to take de facto control of the government in and, five years later, to oust the last Ashikaga shogun. A massive ume tree and twin pines are depicted on pairs of sliding screens in diagonally opposite corners, their trunks repeating the verticals of the corner posts and their branches extending to left and right, unifying the adjoining panels. The shogunate survived until , when it was forced to capitulate because of its failure to deal with pressure from Western nations to open the country to foreign trade. One of the dominant themes in the Edo period was the repressive policies of the shogunate and the attempts of artists to escape these strictures. The foremost of these was the closing of the country to foreigners and the accoutrements of their cultures, and the imposition of strict codes of behavior affecting every aspect of life, the clothes one wore, the person one married, and the activities one could or should not pursue. The whole complex is surrounded by a beautiful garden with paths for walking. Three Beauties of the Present Day , by Utamaro , c. Perhaps his finest are the screen paintings of Red and White Plum Blossoms. The school of art best known in the West is that of

the ukiyo-e paintings and woodblock prints of the demimonde, the world of the kabuki theater and the pleasure districts. Ukiyo-e prints began to be produced in the late 17th century; in Harunobu produced the first polychrome print. Print designers of the next generation, including Torii Kiyonaga and Utamaro, created elegant and sometimes insightful depictions of courtesans. In the 19th century the dominant figures were Hokusai and Hiroshige, the latter a creator of romantic and somewhat sentimental landscape prints. The odd angles and shapes through which Hiroshige often viewed landscape, and the work of Kiyonaga and Utamaro, with its emphasis on flat planes and strong linear outlines, had a profound impact on such Western artists as Edgar Degas and Vincent van Gogh. Via artworks held in Western museums, these same printmakers would later exert a powerful influence on the imagery and aesthetic approaches used by early Modernist poets such as Ezra Pound, Richard Aldington and H. Just as ukiyo-e artists chose to depict figures from life outside the strictures of the Tokugawa shogunate, Bunjin artists turned to Chinese culture. Japanese pottery and porcelain and Japanese export porcelain Traditional, mostly stoneware, styles continued in many parts of Japan, but Japanese ceramics were transformed around the start of the Edo period, by a large influx of Korean potters, captured or persuaded to emigrate in the course of the Japanese invasions of Korea in the s. Many of these were settled on the southern island of Kyushu, and they brought with them experience of versions of the Chinese-style chambered climbing kiln, called noborigama in Japan, which allowed high temperatures with more precise control. By around they had discovered deposits of kaolinite, and started to make porcelain for the first time in Japan. The early wares called "Early Imari" were relatively small and imitated the Chinese underglaze blue and white porcelain, which Japan had been importing for some time. The first great period of Japanese export porcelain lasted until about the s, and the great bulk of Japanese porcelain was made for export, mostly to Europe, but also the Islamic world to the west and south of Japan. During the Prewar period, The introduction of Western cultural values led to a dichotomy in Japanese art, as well as in nearly every other aspect of culture, between traditional values and attempts to duplicate and assimilate a variety of clashing new ideas. This split remained evident in the late 20th century, although much synthesis had by then already occurred, and created an international cultural atmosphere and stimulated contemporary Japanese arts toward ever more innovative forms. A lot of artistic new Japanese gardens were built with Jihei Ogawa. Manga cartoons flourished the Meiji period, influenced greatly by English and French political cartoons. This style of building was built in urban areas. The first response of the Japanese to Western art forms was open-hearted acceptance, and in the Technological Art School was opened, employing Italian instructors to teach Western methods. This was a strategy that eventually served to extend the influence of Japanese art as far as Calcutta, London, and Boston in the years leading up to World War I. Art of the Postwar period[ edit ] After the end of World War II in, many artists began working art forms derived from the international scene, moving away from local artistic developments into the mainstream of world art. But traditional Japanese conceptions endured, particularly in the use of modular space in architecture, certain spacing intervals in music and dance, a propensity for certain color combinations and characteristic literary forms. Art from to Edo period and Prewar period were supported by merchants. Counter to Edo period and Prewar period, art of Postwar period was changed to the art which is supported by people as consumers. The wide variety of art forms available to the Japanese reflect the vigorous state of the arts, widely supported by the Japanese people and promoted by the government. In photography, Kansuke Yamamoto was prominent. American art and architecture greatly influenced Japan. Though fear of earthquakes severely restricted the building of a skyscraper, technological advances let Japanese build larger and higher buildings with more artistic outlooks. Cartoons imported from America led to anime that at first were derived exclusively from manga stories. Japan also flourishes in the fields of graphic design, commercial art e. Contemporary art in Japan[ edit ] Japanese modern art takes as many forms and expresses as many different ideas as modern art in general, worldwide. It ranges from advertisements, anime, video games, and architecture as already mentioned, to sculpture, painting, and drawing in all their myriad forms. Many artists do continue to paint in the traditional manner, with black ink and color on paper or silk.



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Jul 7 – Aug 28, Location: The exhibition provides a curated overview of highly representative sculpture, painting, works on paper and photography by the formative artists, Hideko Fukushima, Hitoshi Nomura, Kiyoji Otsuji, Shuzo Takiguchi and Katsuhiko Yamaguchi, indicative of their own styles, as well as the dominant aesthetics of the groups they belonged to, during these initial three, and artistically influential, decades in Japan. The s were significant as a time of highly experimental and newborn artistic movements in Japan. Artists began to investigate various and uncharted means of expression in a society drastically changed after the trauma of World War II. While in Osaka, several years later, Gutai Bijyutsu Kyokai Gutai Art Association, active from 1954, an artist group began with fifteen artists, centered around the visionary core member, and painter, Jiro Yoshihara. During the s, as Japan underwent a period of profound economic growth, the definition of art expanded with new materials, radical subject matter and happenings. In the society, and primarily among the students and artists, there began an open challenge to the newly evolving social system, postwar Americanization and its military presence. Artists responded by documenting their society and selecting subject matter that had hitherto fore been utterly alien in artistic practice; using the land, ephemeral happenings, radical art practices and photography as an expressive medium. She is well known for her unique paintings of pressed circles and lines from the mid s. Hitoshi Nomura Hitoshi Nomura b. His artworks are based on phenomena that the artist selects and visualizes through various mediums of expression, including photography, sculpture and media art. Kiyoji Otsuji Kiyoji Otsuji studied at the Tokyo Professional School of Photography in and began his career in the field of commercial photography, creating studio work and photographs for publications. The project is notable as it was a collaboration between artists, namely the sculptors Katsuhiko Yamaguchi, Yoshishige Saito and the photographer Shozo Kitadai, and ushered in a new era of creative visuals to the spheres of commercial photography and magazine publications. His importance is also due to his teaching; from 1954, he taught at Kuwasawa Design School, Tokyo Zokei University, University of Tsukuba and Kyushu Sangyo University, among other places, as well as his excellent texts on photography – he wrote both criticism and theory – which have widely influenced later generations. Takiguchi played a key role by introducing a younger generation of artists through his organizing of exhibitions for the Takemiya Gallery in Tokyo and the Yomiuri Independent exhibitions in the post war era. From Takiguchi began to make artwork again. His main works were decalcomanias, a decorative technique using gouache spread thinly on a sheet of paper then pressed onto another surface, and drawings by automatism, following the tenets of Surrealism. Katsuhiko Yamaguchi Katsuhiko Yamaguchi b. He is particularly well-known for his engagement with technology; from a very early stage, he recognized its potential for artistic expression not so much as a demonstration of technological functions, but rather as a way of engaging his audience. As such the work became a part of the pioneering works of Op art in the late of s.

## Chapter 5 : Modern Times: American Art

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Tsunekichi Shibata made a number of early films, including *Momijigari*, an record of two famous actors performing a scene from a well-known kabuki play. At the dawn of the twentieth century theaters in Japan hired *benshi*, storytellers who sat next to the screen and narrated silent movies. With the advent of sound in the early s, the *benshi* gradually declined. The pair pioneered the *jidaigeki* genre. Among intellectuals, critiques of Japanese cinema grew in the s and eventually developed into a movement that transformed Japanese film. In what was later named the Pure Film Movement, writers in magazines such as *Kinema Record* called for a broader use of such cinematic techniques. Some of these critics, such as Norimasa Kaeriyama, went on to put their ideas into practice by directing such films as *The Glow of Life*, which was one of the first films to use actresses in this case, Harumi Hanayagi. There were parallel efforts elsewhere in the film industry. The Pure Film Movement was central in the development of the *gendaigeki* and scriptwriting. At *Taikatsu*, Thomas Kurihara directed films scripted by the novelist Junichiro Tanizaki, who was a strong advocate of film reform. By the mids, actresses had replaced *onnagata* and films used more of the devices pioneered by Inoue. Some of the most discussed silent films from Japan are those of Kenji Mizoguchi, whose later works e. Japanese films gained popularity in the mids against foreign films, in part fueled by the popularity of movie stars and a new style of *jidaigeki*. Director Teinosuke Kinugasa created a production company to produce the experimental masterpiece *A Page of Madness*, starring Masao Inoue, in In contrast with these commercially produced 35 mm films, the Marxist Proletarian Film League of Japan Prokino made works independently in smaller gauges such as 9. Such moves by the government had profound effects on the expression of political dissent in s cinema. Films from this period include: *It used the Mina Talkie System*. Film criticism shared this vitality, with many film journals such as *Kinema Junpo* and newspapers printing detailed discussions of the cinema of the day, both at home and abroad. The government encouraged some forms of cinema, producing propaganda films and promoting documentary films also called *bunka eiga* or "culture films", with important documentaries being made by directors such as Fumio Kamei. War film *Because of World War II* and the weak economy, unemployment became widespread in Japan, and the cinema industry suffered. During this period, when Japan was expanding its Empire, the Japanese government saw cinema as a propaganda tool to show the glory and invincibility of the Empire of Japan. Thus, many films from this period depict patriotic and militaristic themes. Akira Kurosawa made his feature film debut with *Sugata Sanshiro* in The Mainichi Film Award was created in

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This one hour and fifteen-minute lecture focuses on influential art movements that developed around 1950. The historical context of the postwar era demonstrates the shift away from Europe as the center of avant-garde culture and highlights the political and economic dominance of the United States during the mid-twentieth century. These conditions are reflected in the art historical emphasis often given to innovations in visual art that occurred in New York. This narrow viewpoint has expanded in recent years as scholars shed more light on concurrent activities in Europe, Latin America, Asia, and other regions, as well as to disciplines including dance, theatre, and music that have informed contemporary visual art. Although the twentieth century is part of our historical past, its culture remains more closely linked to the lives of students today when compared to other topics in the introductory survey. Whenever possible, encourage students to draw connections from the art they are studying to the visual culture that surrounds them. Have students reflect upon their visits in a short exhibition review, relevance paper, or group discussions in class. If your students have some technology skills, assign them to visit a museum in teams of two or three and record a five- or six-minute conversation about a work of art that can be uploaded and shared with the whole class. That means the material may need to be compressed, or presented in an even more abbreviated version than other areas of the art history survey. The diversity of artistic styles, practices, and concerns that have emerged in the past seventy-five years resist the discrete groupings and narrative explanations that are often used to introduce students to art history. Therefore, in spite of the shorter timespan, the challenge is to select representative examples without overwhelming students with too much information, or confusing them with superficial explanations of complex ideas. For these reasons, this lesson plan remains limited in scope. It does not address architecture, photography, design, or studio craft arts, and focuses primarily on artistic developments in the U.S. Likewise, the objects discussed demonstrate visual characteristics that evolved over time. This inevitably oversimplifies art of the period by obscuring the range of styles and influences found among different artists associated with key movements. Instructors might consider using local museum collections or assigning students to research less canonical artists to highlight this issue and to expose students to lesser-known artists. Students may find it empowering to realize the field of contemporary art history is actively evolving. Encourage students to consider this problem as you focus on fundamental questions of art history as they apply to contemporary art: What motivated artists to develop new artistic styles and practices in the mid-twentieth century? How have these historical developments influenced the production of art today? How does contemporary art build upon, and depart from, its historical precedents? These books may serve to orient the instructor in preparation for the course, or provide reading assignments for students: David Cottington, *Modern Art: A Very Short Introduction* Oxford: Oxford University Press, [link to Amazon](#). Crow, *The Rise of the Sixties*: Yale University Press, [link to Amazon](#). Art Since , 3rd Edition London: Pearson, [link to Amazon](#). Whitney Museum of American Art, [link to Amazon](#). Icon Editions, [link to Amazon](#). University of California Press, [link to Amazon](#). In addition to survey texts, an extraordinary amount of material on this period is available online. Specific links are included with the content suggestions below, but other excellent resources include: PBS mega-site on contemporary art. Features video interviews with artists, a critical blog, and an encyclopedia of artists and related information. Allows browsing by art period and style, medium, and museum. Hosted by Indianapolis Museum of Art. An online database of contemporary artworks and content developed in partnership with museums and galleries worldwide. Serious and playful art commentary. Khan Academy Art History: Toward a Global Culture: Formerly Smarthistory , this site includes short videos and essays contributed by scholars with expertise in all areas of art history.

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Surprisingly to the Western audience at least, the art that came out of this period was not solely about destruction, but also about rebellion and self-determination. Now, however, several important museum and gallery exhibitions are shedding new light on the era. First, Japan was recovering from a crushing defeat and an overhaul of deeply embedded cultural ideas—the emperor himself was stripped of his status as a deity. Second, Tokyo and much of the rest of Japan were going through a rapid reconstruction as the country was on its way to becoming an economic world leader. But perhaps most important, Japan already had a long modernist tradition that extended back to the 1890s, when the country opened its doors to the West. In short, Japanese artists had much to react to and comment on while also having a foundation in 20th-century modernist movements. Japanese artists responded to these changes by challenging art forms and exploring exhibition possibilities beyond traditional galleries and museums—showing in theaters, subway stations, and on the street. Especially influential at this time was Jikken Kobo Experimental Workshop, founded in 1951 by 14 people, among them artists, an architect, a lighting designer, an engineer, a composer, and a choreographer. Its inaugural event was *The Joy of Life*, a ballet set to music by leading European and American 20th-century composers that introduced a modern form of Noh dance. Yoko Ono and Yayoi Kusama—two artists who have emerged as international art stars—came of age during this period, but as women and frequent travelers to New York, they stood somewhat apart from this scene. Kusama, known for her stunningly obsessive paintings and environments covered in polka dots, was the subject of a major retrospective at Tate Modern and the Whitney Museum this past year. She lived in the United States from 1958 to 1973. Reflecting the evolution of the Japanese people from subjects of a war-oriented totalitarian regime to citizens of a democratic society, the Gutai Art Association created works that defied artistic traditions, through either the use of unconventional materials or the performative and unconventional ways in which they were made. During the early years of the group, Gutai member Kazuo Shiraga would wrestle in mud or hang from a ceiling while painting canvases with his feet; Shozo Shimamoto would crash through paper screens; and Atsuko Tanaka performed in her *Electric Dress*, made of lightbulbs. Gutai was also engaged in international dialogue with its peers in the West. Indeed, Klein visited Japan at the time. Visitors to his show must step through *Entrance*, a work created by delivering a karate chop to a thick paper screen. It must be re-created each time it is presented, and the artist, who is still alive but cannot travel, gave Schimmel permission to enact the work. This time, I made sure I hit it with all my force. Working with basic materials, such as stone, wood, glass, and raw industrial steel, Mono-ha artists made minimalist works that beg to be contemplated, placing the experiential over the visual. In order to make such projects saleable, Blum drafted a manual for each work with instructions for assembly in the future. These were provided to new owners, such as the Dallas Museum of Art, which, in collaboration with Texas collectors Howard Rachofsky and Deedie Rose, bought several works from the exhibition. Representing a new generation of scholarship are people like Miwako Tezuka, newly appointed director of the Japan Society, and Reiko Tomii, who together founded PoNJA-GenKon in 2001, a listserv and network between scholars working on post Japanese art.

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*Willem de Kooning, Woman I, 1950, Museum of Modern Art, New York Mark Rothko, No. 14, 1949, The Phillips Collection, Washington, DC Barnett Newman, Vir Heroicus Sublimis, 1951, Museum of Modern Art, New York.*

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