

Modern Art, Contemporary Art and Art Today

★ **Notice:** Important: Modern art is not automatically art from today.



Modern Art

Art from the late 19th century to the middle of the 20th century. It breaks with old rules and searches for new forms of expression.



Examples: Expressionism, Cubism, Surrealism



Contemporary Art

Art from our present time, especially from the late 1960s or 1980s to today. It uses many media and often addresses current topics.



Examples: Installation, Performance, Media Art



Art Today

An everyday collective term for current art of our time. In most cases, it means almost the same as contemporary art, just in simpler words.



Focus: What artists are making today



Avant Garde

Especially new, bold and experimental art. It aims to push boundaries and question what is familiar.



Key point: Can appear in any period



Postmodernism

A movement since around the 1970s. It mixes styles, works with references and irony, and responds to the ideas of modernism.



Typical: mixture, playfulness, ambiguity



Art of the Present

The German specialist term for art of the present time. It means almost the same as contemporary art.



Key point: Includes current topics, new media and open forms



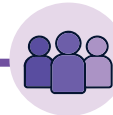
- ✓ Modern art = an important period in art history
- ✓ Contemporary art, art of the present and art today = current art of our time
- ✓ Avant garde = especially experimental
- ✓ Postmodernism = mixes styles and meanings



around 1900 to 1950:
Modern Art



from around 1970:
Postmodernism



today:
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