

Art 215: Art History: Prehistoric to Renaissance

Fall 2023 – Monday/Wednesday 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

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Course Reflections:

Teaching Art History: Prehistoric to Renaissance was a wonderful experience that allowed me to blend my passion for history and art. Art is a vital lens through which we perceive and interpret history's intricacies.

My instructional approach involved a dual strategy of lectures and hands-on exploration of historic art-making techniques. Lectures offered a panoramic view of artistic evolution, while engagement in art-making immersed the students in the historical processes, fostering a deeper comprehension—reflective writing through student essays on select projects aimed to solidify their understanding.

We showcased students' artwork complemented by informative posters. These displays offered visitors a window into the artistic creations and the cultural and historical contexts they represented.

The outcomes exceeded my expectations, culminating in an engaging and thought-provoking class that intertwined art and historical narratives. To further enhance comprehension in the future, incorporating pop-quizzes could reinforce covered topics.

I welcome the opportunity to teach this course again!