Art, Architecture, and Literature in History

Post-Classical (600-1450)

<u>Art</u>

- Continued Christian iconography (Europe and Byzantine)
- Islamic imagery of Muhammad (North Africa to South Asia)
- Ceramics (Tang and Song Dynasties)

Architecture

- Gothic cathedrals in Europe
- Hagia Sofia-Byzantine Empire
- Rock Churches (Ethiopia)
- Mosques (North Africa to South Asia)
- Mayan temples and statues
- Inca stone walls and roads
- Angkor Wat temple complex in Southeast Asia
- Great Zimbabwe (Southeast Africa)

Literature

- Journals from Marco Polo and Ibn Battuta
- Qur'an
- Arabic numerals, calligraphy, scientific journals, and histories
- 1001 Nights (Abbasid Caliphate)
- Block printing: China
- Pillow Book and Tale of Genji (Japan)
- Epic of Sundiata (Mali)

Early Modern Era (1450-1750)

<u>Art</u>

- Renaissance (Europe)
- African figurines became popular in Europe
- Aztec and Inca paintings (Aztec codex)
- Ming vases

<u>Architecture</u>

- European influences in Latin American buildings
- Baroque architecture
 - o Grand architecture to illustrate the power of the Catholic Church or absolute monarchs
 - o Palace of Versailles for Louis XIV in France
 - o El Escorial for Philip II of Spain
- Taj Mahal- India

<u>Literature</u>

- Moveable type/printing press in Europe
- Copernicus' heliocentric theory published in Europe
- Martin Luther's 95 Theses
- Treaty of Tordesillas
- Shakespeare
- Two Treatises on Government by John Locke
- Enlightenment writings in Europe
- Block printing in Japan

Modern Era (1750-1900)

<u>Art</u>

- Romanticism (glorification of nature, the individual is emphasized, gothic themes, etc.) in Europe
- Impressionism in Europe (think Monet and Vincent van Gogh)

<u>Architecture</u>

- Neo-Classical in Europe (revival of Roman structures)
- Brick and steel skyscrapers develop

<u>Literature</u>

- Revolution documents (remember the ones inspired by the Enlightenment)
- On the Origin of Species by Charles Darwin
- Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx
- Treaty of Nanjing (ended Opium wars)
- Meiji Constitution

Contemporary (1900 to present)

<u>Art</u>

- Cubism (think Picasso and Guernica)
- Dadaism (think of Duchamp)
- Propaganda posters for WWI and WWII
- Socialist propaganda in Soviet Union and China

<u>Architecture</u>

Steel skyscrapers continued

<u>Literature</u>

- Fourteen Points by Woodrow Wilson
- Treaty of Versailles
- Mein Kampf
- Vatican II documents
- Maastricht Treaty
- Three Principles of the People (Sun Yat Sen)
- Mao's Red Book
- April Theses by Lenin
- Gandhi's beliefs
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the UN
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s views
- The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan