

Genres

When writing the Arts Review, I want you to think about the genre of the art you are writing about, and what defines that genre.

There are seven main art forms:

- Painting.
- Sculpture.
- Music.
- Poetry.
- Dance.
- Architecture.
- Social sculpture.

We will also include performing arts and cinema as choices, and open the assignment to anything you consider art, whether that is nature, technology, product design, or something else.

Each one of these forms has a number of genres, some of which you will find listed here.

Painting

The five categories of [fine art painting](#), listed in order of their official ranking or importance, are as follows:

1. History Painting

Religious, historical or allegorical work, with a moral message.

2. Portrait Art

Includes individual, group or self-portraits.

3. Genre Painting

Scenes of everyday life.

4. Landscape Painting

Paintings whose *principal* content is a scenic view.

5. Still Life Painting

An arrangement of domestic objects or everyday items.

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In class we will play a genre-naming game, and one of your online tasks will be to define what makes a good piece of work in the genre you have chosen.