



PALM SPRINGS
ART MUSEUM

Docent “Close- Up- On Art” Study Paper

Goal: To become familiar with an artwork of your choice at the Palm Springs Art Museum’s main site. This is not meant to be an exhaustive research paper but rather an investigation of pertinent background information on an artwork of your choice. The paper should include the following and be ***no longer than 2 pages in length:***

- Title of artwork selected
- Artist’s Name, Nationality, Year of Birth / Year of Death (if applicable)
- Is this owned by the Museum (purchased or gifted), on loan, or as a promised gift?
- Medium (Glass, Installation & Type, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Textile, etc.)
- Date and Place where the artwork was completed
- Designate how this piece represents an art movement or art time period (i.e., Abstract Expressionism, Contemporary, Modern, Pop, Western, etc. - see “Glossary of Art Terms & Movements” in binder for further detail.) Describe how the artwork reflects this art movement. (For example - Andy Warhol’s Campbell’s Soup Can Series is an example of Pop Art due to the subject material being an identifiable image in pop culture and an artistic celebration of a common object in everyday life.)

Give a Brief background of the artist and their importance in the field of art. Include the following information:

- How does this artwork fit into the artist’s philosophy and approach to art?
- What are your impressions of the piece?
- **Why did you select this artwork?**

List sources that you used in completing your study.

Include a photo of the artwork.

NOTE: This paper will be presented to your mentor for discussion by the end of November.