

Modern Art Essentials

Art History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which art movement, pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque, is characterized by the use of geometric shapes and fragmented objects?

- A) Cubism**
- B) Surrealism
- C) Fauvism
- D) Dadaism

2. Who painted the iconic 1893 expressionist work titled 'The Scream'?

- A) Vincent van Gogh
- B) Edvard Munch**
- C) Gustav Klimt
- D) Henri Matisse

3. What is the name of the movement that emerged in the 1920s, seeking to release the creative potential of the unconscious mind, often featuring dreamlike imagery?

- A) Futurism
- B) Abstract Expressionism
- C) Surrealism**
- D) Pop Art

4. Marcel Duchamp shocked the art world in 1917 by submitting a urinal as a piece of sculpture. What was the title of this 'readymade' work?

- A) The Fountain**
- B) The Toilet
- C) The Vessel
- D) The Porcelain

5. Which Dutch artist is famous for his grid-based paintings featuring primary colors and black lines?

- A) Wassily Kandinsky
- B) Piet Mondrian**
- C) Joan Miro
- D) Paul Klee

6. Which American artist became the leading figure of the Pop Art movement, famously creating silkscreen prints of Campbell's Soup cans?

- A) Roy Lichtenstein
- B) Jackson Pollock
- C) Andy Warhol**
- D) Jasper Johns

7. Salvador Dalí's 'The Persistence of Memory' is most famous for depicting which melting objects?

- A) Candles
- B) Clocks**
- C) Ice cream
- D) Faces

8. Which art movement of the early 20th century was known for its vivid, non-naturalistic use of color and was led by Henri Matisse?

- A) Fauvism**
- B) Impressionism
- C) Constructivism
- D) Minimalism

9. Frida Kahlo, a prominent 20th-century artist, is best known for her numerous works in which specific genre?

- A) Landscapes
- B) Self-portraits**
- C) Historical battle scenes
- D) Abstract collages

10. Which technique, famously used by Jackson Pollock, involved dripping or splashing paint onto a canvas placed on the floor?

- A) Pointillism
- B) Action painting**
- C) Hard-edge painting
- D) Color field painting

11. In which city did the group known as 'Die Brücke' (The Bridge), a foundational group of German Expressionism, originate?

- A) Berlin
- B) Munich
- C) Dresden**
- D) Vienna

12. Which of these artists is widely considered a pioneer of purely abstract painting in the early 20th century?

- A) Wassily Kandinsky**
- B) Claude Monet
- C) Edouard Manet
- D) Gustave Courbet

13. The term 'Dada' was first used in Zurich during World War I to describe an art movement characterized by which of the following?

- A) Strict formal discipline
- B) Anti-art and irrationality**
- C) Celebration of industrial technology
- D) Religious iconography

14. What major architectural style, developed at a school founded by Walter Gropius in 1919, emphasized functionalism and the unity of art and technology?

- A) Art Deco
- B) Bauhaus**
- C) Brutalism
- D) Neoclassicism

15. Which artist painted the famous 'Campbell's Soup Cans' series that debuted in 1962?

- A) Andy Warhol**
- B) Claes Oldenburg
- C) Robert Rauschenberg
- D) Roy Lichtenstein

16. The 'Blue Period' refers to a specific timeframe in the career of which famous Modernist artist?

- A) Salvador Dalí
- B) Pablo Picasso**
- C) Henri Matisse
- D) Marc Chagall

17. Which 20th-century art movement focused on capturing the speed, technology, and violence of modern life, originating primarily in Italy?

- A) Futurism**
- B) Precisionism
- C) Suprematism
- D) Vorticism

18. Which female American painter is renowned for her large-scale, close-up paintings of flowers, such as 'Jimson Weed/White Flower No. 1'?

A) Mary Cassatt

B) Georgia O'Keeffe

C) Lee Krasner

D) Helen Frankenthaler