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1 In the broadest sense, all the processes and products of human skill, imagination, and invention. In contemporary usage, definitions of art usually reflect art theory, and the term may encompass literature, music, drama, painting, and sculpture. Popularly, the term is most commonly used to refer to the visual arts. In Western culture, artistic thought and theories introduced by the ancient Greeks still influence our perceptions and judgements of art. Representation and inspiration Two currents of thought run through our ideas about art. In one, first considered by the Greek philosopher Aristotle (c. 384 BC), art is concerned with mimesis (imitation), the representation of appearances, and gives pleasure through the accuracy and skill with which it represents the real world. The other view, derived from the Greek... [Read More >](#)

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Kitagawa Utamaro (c. 1753–1806), Uzuki no...

Kongorikishi statue. (Kamakura period, fourteenth century.) Th...

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Dōtaku Bronze Bell. Late Yayoi period, third century ce. These...

Mandala of the Single-Syllable Golden Wheel. (Heian period,...

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Jōmon (cord-marked) pottery (10,000–8,000 bce) is decorat...

Andō Hiroshige (1797–1858), Meguro taikobashi yūhinooka...

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An Etruscan sarcophagus. Etruscan art is known for its...

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