

Modern Art Reading Homework

1. Summarize “On the Problem of Form” in your own words.

The inner necessity creates new value in human’s mind. This new value use material form to blind itself from many people. That why not many people can see it. People considered new value as absurd, just because this form is different from their idea of form. And people also mistakenly understand that their idea of form is also the best form for others. But what is real is form is created for expressing unique idea in different people. As a result, there are many forms and people cannot judge which one is the best form. The important idea of form is that different form created from different Creative Spirit.

2. On page 51 of “Understanding Comics Chapter 2” is a big triangle. Explain in your own words how to use the triangle.

Three different angles have different characteristic. At the top angle, it expresses the picture plane. At the right angle, it represents the reality. At the left angle, it shows language. The distance between these three angles represents the iconic and non-iconic of the picture. As you move from the right angle toward top angle, the art change from reality to more non-iconic, vice versa. As you move from the right angle to the left, the reality picture become more and more language or drawing more emphasize on convey the meaning, vice versa. As you move from the left angles to the top, the picture convey less meaning to just picture plane, vice versa.

3. Is “No.5, 1948” good art? Explain your answer using examples from the readings.

No.5, 1948 consider as a good art. According to “the problem of form” by Wassily Kandinsky, the important of the purpose of form is it convey in different inner necessity will create unique form which this No.5, 1948 picture intend to express oneself passion on different form or art work from others and you can only feel artist passion not from the look of the picture.