QCSD Planned Course

Name of Course: Art History AP

Grade: 9-12

Board Adopted Signature and date:

Course Description

Art History AP is designed to be the equivalent of an introductory college course in art history. In the course, students will examine major forms of artistic expression from the ancient world to the present and from a variety of cultures. Students will examine and analyze works of art which will include paintings, drawings, architecture, sculptures and other media (printmaking, photography, ceramics, fiber arts, etc.), within their historical context. Students will learn to articulate what they see or experience in a meaningful way.

Titles of Units

Ancient Through Medieval

- Greece and Rome
- Early Christian, Byzantine, Early Medieval
- Romanesque Gothic

Renaissance to Present

- Fourteenth through Sixteenth Centuries
- Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries
- Nineteenth Century
- Twentieth Century and Contemporary Art

Beyond European Artistic Traditions

- Africa (including ancient Egypt)
- the Americas
- Asia
- the ancient Near East
- Oceania
- global Islamic tradition

Rationale for Course

This college-level course will support students in developing higher level of conceptual analysis and critical thinking skills. Through carefully selected reading and writing assignments, students in this course will acquire a more complex understanding of the visual arts and the cultures that produced them. The course will be a full year offering and students will be highly encouraged to take the Art History AP exam in the late spring of each year.