

ADVICE TO A.P. ART HISTORY STUDENTS FROM PREVIOUS STUDENTS

Read the book and do your flashcards because that will give you the tidbits of information that you'll need to score high on the essays and answer the really difficult questions. Make sure you know your ancient Greek and Roman Art and Renaissance Art because it is the basis for everything else. My last advice is to visit museums because once you see the paintings it will make it more clear in your mind and give you a better understanding of the material. –E.M.

READ the book! And do the flashcards because they really help review. –C.M.

When writing essays, write down everything you know about the topic. –R.B.

You really need to know your time periods (what century) and what makes an artwork typical of a certain period. –P.M.

READ THE BOOK because it really will help you during the A.P. Test. –D.R.

Do your flashcards, read more and read more. Take notes on style, culture, artist, etc. Learn at least five elements of each style. Go to the library and read more. GO TO MANY MUSEUMS—that's what really helped the styles stick in my head. You'll start to see patterns about artists and styles. –J.D.

Listen in class, read the book, and MEMORIZE ALMOST EVERYTHING. The flashcards really did help because they forced us to look up the picture, write down the artist and style, and special details about the picture. –D.V.

Study those artists who radically transformed art (i.e. Picasso, Caravaggio, and the Impressionists) and how they differ from the tradition. Study the building plans of Medieval cathedrals and what the different elements were (like transept, ambulatory, nave, etc.). –U.V.

Go over all facts, even trivial ones, to refresh yourself and to prepare for the trivial questions. –H.K.

My advice to future students is to pay attention in class. Just because it's dark does not mean its nighttime in the classroom so don't fall asleep! --B.W.

Additional words:

When I tell people about what I've learned in this class, they actually stop what they're doing and want to listen to me. I've never had that happen before. –J.D.

This class has helped me understand my other classes better, to understand the world. I think I'll benefit from it the rest of my life. –H.K.