

DESCRIPTIVE WORDS FOR ART

ELEMENTS OF ART

LINE

- Angular
- Bent
- Blurred
- Broken
- Bumpy
- Choppy
- Controlled
- Curved
- Diagonal
- Delicate
- Freehand
- Fuzzy
- Graceful
- Hard-edge
- Heavy
- Horizontal
- Interrupted
- Jagged
- Meandering
- Narrow
- Parallel
- Precise
- Rigid
- Ruled
- Short
- Sharp
- Sketchy
- soft-edge
- Spiral
- Stiff
- Strong
- Straight
- Thin
- Vertical
- Wide
- Weak

TEXTURE

- Actual
- Bumpy
- Corrugated
- Dull
- Flat
- Furry
- Goopy
- Leathery
- Prickly
- Real
- Rough
- Satiny
- Slick
- Sandy
- Shiny
- Silky
- Simulated
- Smooth
- Soft
- Sticky
- Tacky
- Velvety
- Wet

COLOR

- Analogous
- Brash
- Bright
- Calm
- Clear
- Complimentary
- Cool
- Dark
- Dim
- Dull
- Exciting
- Garish
- Grayed
- Hue
- Intense
- Light
- Loud
- Mixed
- Multicolored
- Muted
- Natural
- Opaque
- Pale
- pastel
- Polychromatic
- Primary
- Pure
- Radiant
- Saccharine
- Secondary
- Shades
- Soft
- Strong
- Subdued
- Sweet
- Tints
- Warm
- Whites

SHAPE/FORM

- Abstract
- Amorphous
- Biomorphic
- Closed
- Circles
- Compact
- Crisp
- Distorted
- Empty
- Flat
- Form
- Freeform
- Full of spaces
- Geometric
- Heavy
- Light
- Loose
- Linear
- Massive
- Natural
- Negative
- Nonrepresentational
- Nebulous
- Organic
- Oval
- Realistic
- Rectangle
- Positive
- Square
- Teardrop
- Triangle

SPACE

- Ambiguous
- Back ground
- Crowded
- Cozy
- Deep
- Distance
- Empty
- Enclosed
- Flat
- Foreground
- Huge
- Middle ground
- Negative space
- Open
- Positive space
- Shallow
- Vast
- Wide
- Narrow

VALUE

- Dark
- Light
- Medium
- Middle Grey
- Shade
- Tint
- Pure hue
- Greyed

PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

1. **BALANCE**
Symmetrical

Asymmetrical
Radial

Nearly
symmetrical

2. **EMPHASIS**
Focal Point

3. **CONTRAST**

4. **UNITY**
Harmony

5. RYTHMN

Rows
Grid
Half drop

6. PATTERN

Motif

7.
MOVEMENT
Variety

CHARACTERISTICS OF ART

- Angry
- Beautiful
- Calm
- Cheerful
- Child like
- Conservative
- Controlled
- Complex
- Dangerous
- Depressing
- Dignified
- Disturbing
- Dreamy
- Dynamic
- Elegant
- Emotional
- Expressive
- Exciting
- Energetic
- Familiar
- Formal
- Happy
- Lonely
- Mad
- Moody
- Mournful
- Mysterious
- Narrative
- Nervous
- Peaceful
- Proud
- Relaxed
- Romantic
- Sad
- Safe
- Serious
- Simple
- Solemn
- Spiritual
- Strength
- Swirling
- Tense
- Traditional
- Tranquil
- Unrestrained

MOODS/FEELINGS

- Adventure
- Angry
- Alone
- Boring
- Calm
- Cheerful
- Clear
- Comfortable
- Cruel
- Disturbing
- Exciting
- Generous
- Gloomy
- Happy
- Hate
- Haunting
- Hope
- Infatuation
- Jealous
- Joyous
- Kind
- Love
- Madness
- Nervous
- Noisy
- Terrifying
- Passive
- Playful
- Quiet
- Safe
- Sad
- Serious
- Silent
- Stingy
- Tormented
- Upset
- Uncomfortable
- Vane

PERSONALITY WORDS

- Age
- Boy
- Brave
- Commoner
- Coward
- Young
- Evil
- Enslaved
- Freedom
- Frivolous
- Girl
- Good
- Honorable
- Man
- Healthy
- Old
- Poor
- Regal
- Serious
- Shame
- Sick
- Wealthy
- Wise
- Worried

THEMES IN ART

- Adoration
- Children
- Circus
- Cityscape
- Earth, Air, Fire, Water
- Expression
- Emotion
- Farming
- Festivals
- Gardens
- Grief
- History
- Hunting
- Imitation of Nature
- Landscape
- Love
- Music
- Mythology
- Narrative
- Portraits
- Processions
- Religion
- Seascape
- Storytelling
- Theatre
- War

MEDIA

- Acrylic
- Assemblage
- Chalk
- Charcoal
- Collage
- Colored pencil
- Conte
- Canvas
- Egg tempera
- Found objects
- Gouache
- Ink
- Masonite
- Oil pastel
- Oil paints
- Painting
- Paper
- Pastel
- Pencil
- Photograph
- Printmaking
- Tempera
- Vine charcoal
- Watercolor