

**Fine Arts Survey**  
**Mr. Hepburn**  
**Midterm Paper**

Thus far in Fine Arts Survey we have focused, aside from random profiles, on three artistic areas: visual arts (painting, drawing, cartooning, etc), plastic arts (sculpture, architecture), and film (movies, acting, directing). Our coverage has been quite introductory and not exhaustive.

For your midterm grade you are going to analyze an artist, technique, or work of art within these three disciplines that we did NOT discuss in depth in class. Your paper will be laid out in the following manner, during which I will use the example of **Childe Hassam**. Each of the Roman numerals below should be at least one paragraph, in some cases it may take two or more.

- I. Introduce your artist, technique, or work of art. **Childe Hassam was an American painter born in....**
- II. Explain the significance of your selection. **Childe Hassam's paintings of Boston in the late 1800s captured.....**
- III. Compare your selection to at least one thing similar we have talked about thus far in the semester. **Like Gramma Moses and Norman Rockwell, there is a level of idealism in Hassam's depictions of American life...**
- IV. Contrast your selection with at least one thing we have talked about in class. **Childe Hassam lived a long, full life and was a prominent member of the art community. This is very different from the experience of Van Gogh in Europe....**
- V. Make a case for the inclusion of your selection in the course in future years. **Since Hassam painted largely New England scenes we should study his works in depth....**

Midterm papers will be accepted any time prior to **January 21<sup>st</sup>**. **NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**. It is strongly recommended that this assignment be completed earlier rather than later so as not to be an un-needed burden at midterm time. Additionally, aside from one last exam for quarter 2 which will be on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, there will not be any more homework assignments to take up your time and energy (but there will be one more classwork assignment). Focus on this paper and closing out the quarter strong in your other classes.

If you have questions about the assignment, please feel free to ask.

This midterm paper will be graded out of 100 points and will represent the typical percentage of a midterm exam. Please be thorough and follow the guidelines above.