AHST 3319-001 (87067)
20th Century European Art:
Avant-Garde and Aftermath
Dr. Charissa N. Terranova
Fall 2017
Thursday 1:00-3:45
SOM 1.110

09/07/17

1885-1910 Post-Impressionism

1890-1910 Symbolism/Aestheticism/Fauves/Expressionism

1.) Due Thursday September 14 Assignment #1 The Avant-Garde and the Institution Berthe Morisot's "Winter (Woman with a Muff)" (1880) is on view in the Dallas Museum of Art's European gallery (included in the Museum's free general admission) located on Level 2. The Museum is located at 1717 N Harwood St, Dallas, TX 75201. Photography is permitted without the use of flash or tripod/monopod/selfie stick. For this written assignment, photograph the work of art on-site and include the photograph in your paper. Please describe how the original avant-gardism of this work of art resonates or does not resonate in its context of the museum. Identify what makes this painting avant-garde in its historical context. Does the museum enhance or stifle its avant-garde qualities? How are those avant-garde qualities transformed over time and through preservation? Pay close attention to how it was painted. Brush stroke and color palette are important here.

- Left-hand justified, single-spaced heading with name of student, course number, professor's name, date
- Center justified title underlined or italicized. Be inventive with your title!
- Indentation of first sentence of all new paragraphs
- Double spaced body of text
- 12 pt. font
- Only 500 words in length
- Do not use the first-person voice.
- Please do not write "I think..." or "I believe..."
- Please avoid hyperbole and cliché, i.e. statements such as "It is magnificent," "He is a genius," or "It is a masterpiece."
- Proofread and Spellcheck!
- Final papers should be carefully edited, polished, and succinct.

Post-Impressionism 1885-1910



Roger Fry, Self-Portrait, 1928



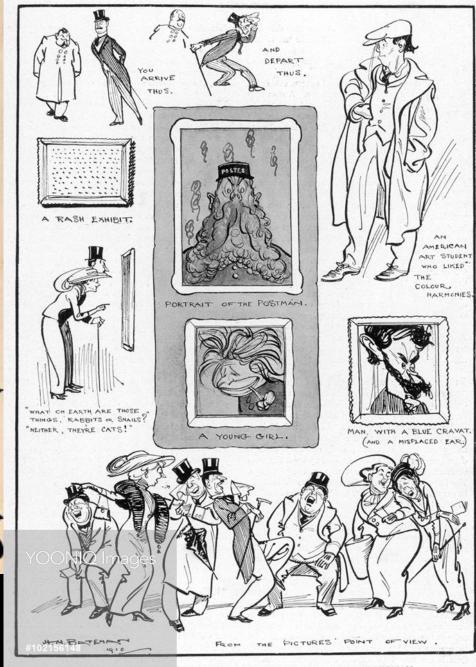
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GRAFTON GALLERY MANET AND THE POST-IMPRESSIONISTS

Poster for Manet and the Post-Impressionists, curated by Roger Fry in the Grafton Gallery, London 1910

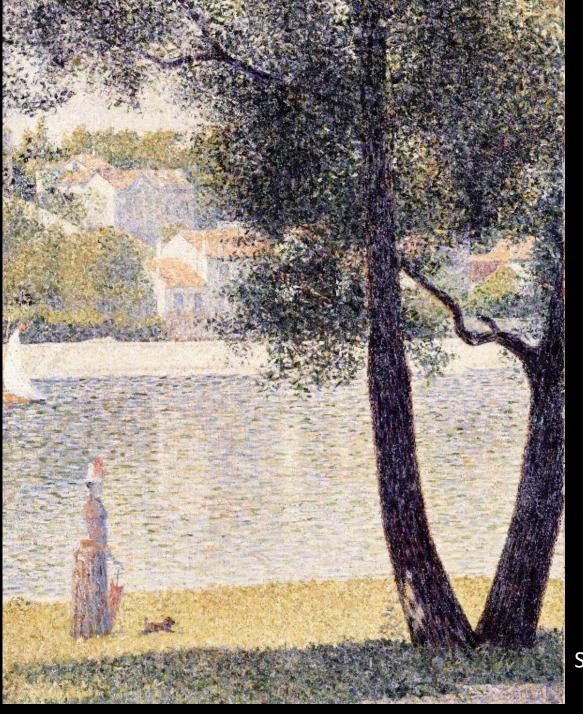
Post-Impressions of the Post-Impressionists



POSTED, NEAR THE GRAFTON GALLERIES, BY H. M. BATEMAN



Georges Seurat, The Stone Breaker, 1881-82



Seurat, The Seine at the Courbevoie, 1885



Seurat, Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, 1884-86

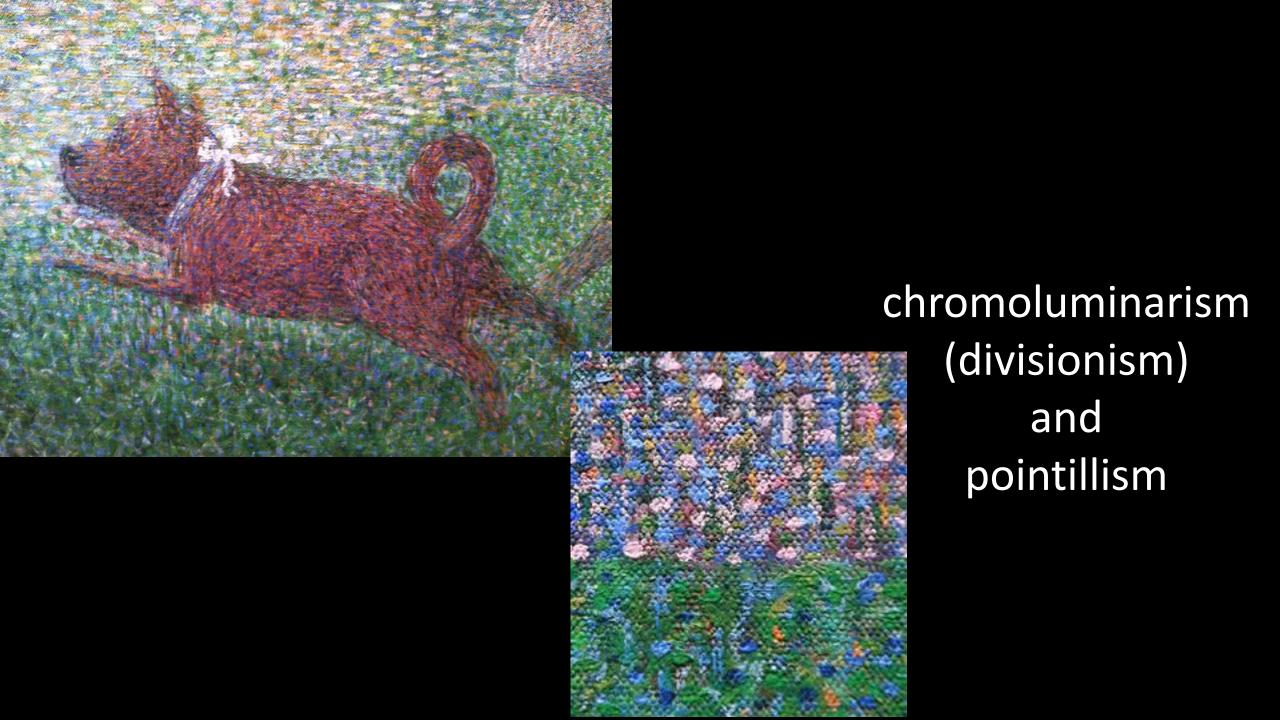


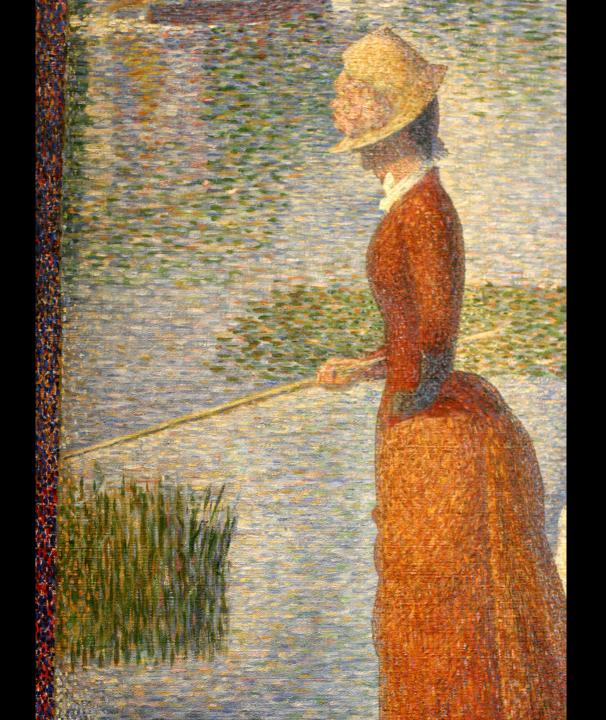
Scale

81 3/4 x 121 1/4 in

6.83 x 10.08 ft







Iconography



"singe" = monkey; a monkey in French (and female) is known as "singe," denoting a prostitute

For what is the woman fishing at the left?



Paul Cezanne, The Basket of Apples, 1890-94



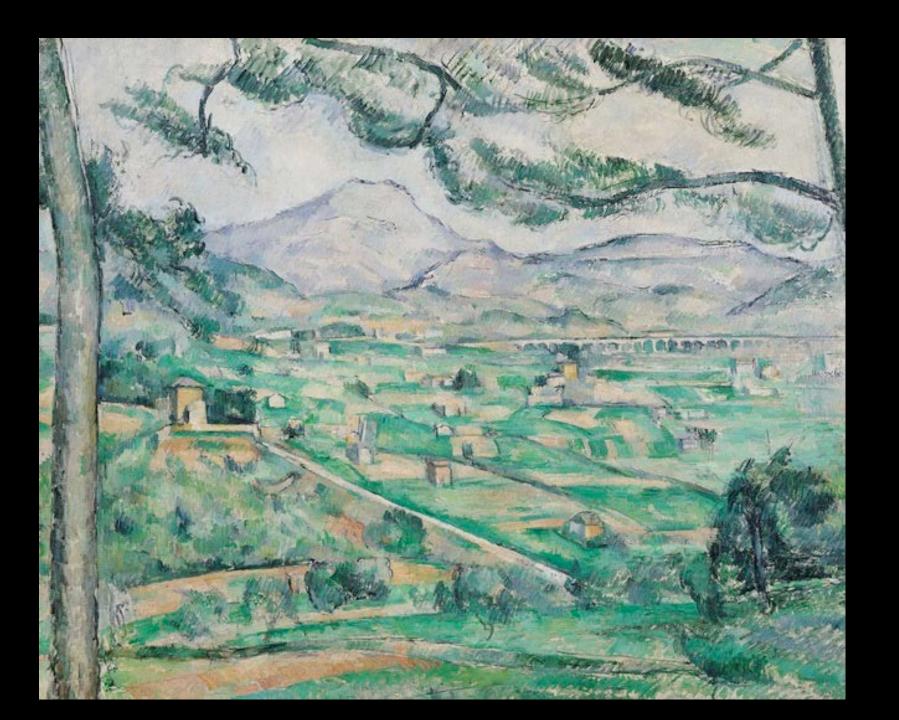
Cézanne wanted to
"treat nature through
the cylinder, the
sphere, the cone"...

Vanitas Memento mori

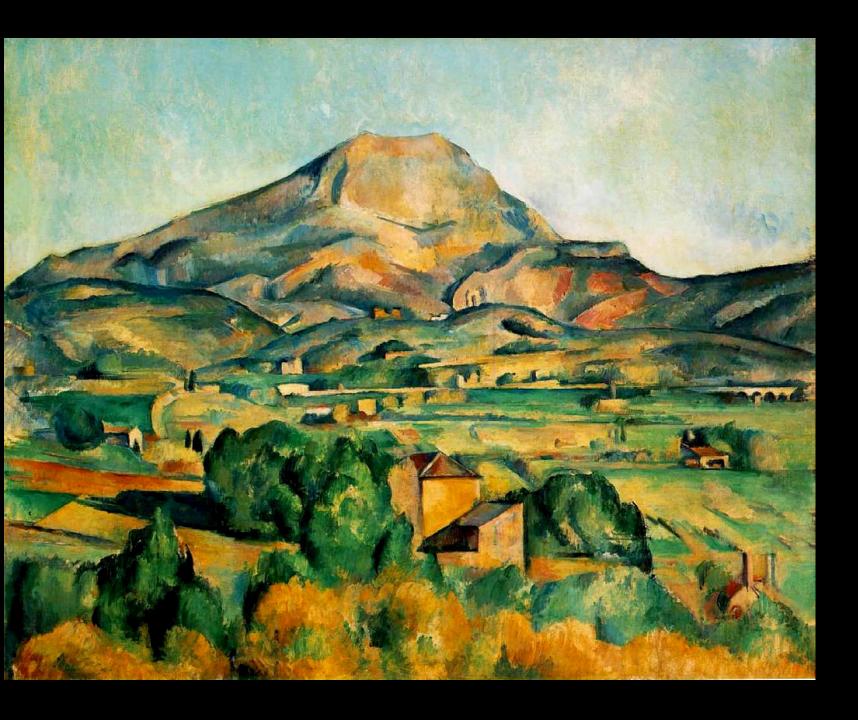
Cézanne, Still Life with Skull, 1898



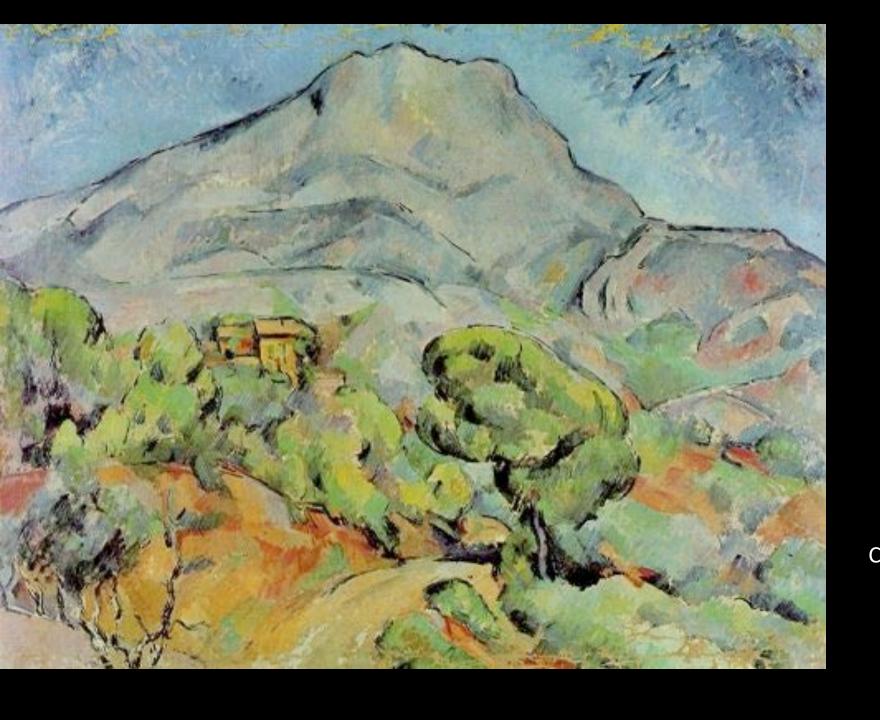
Cezanne, Boy in the Red Vest, 1890-95



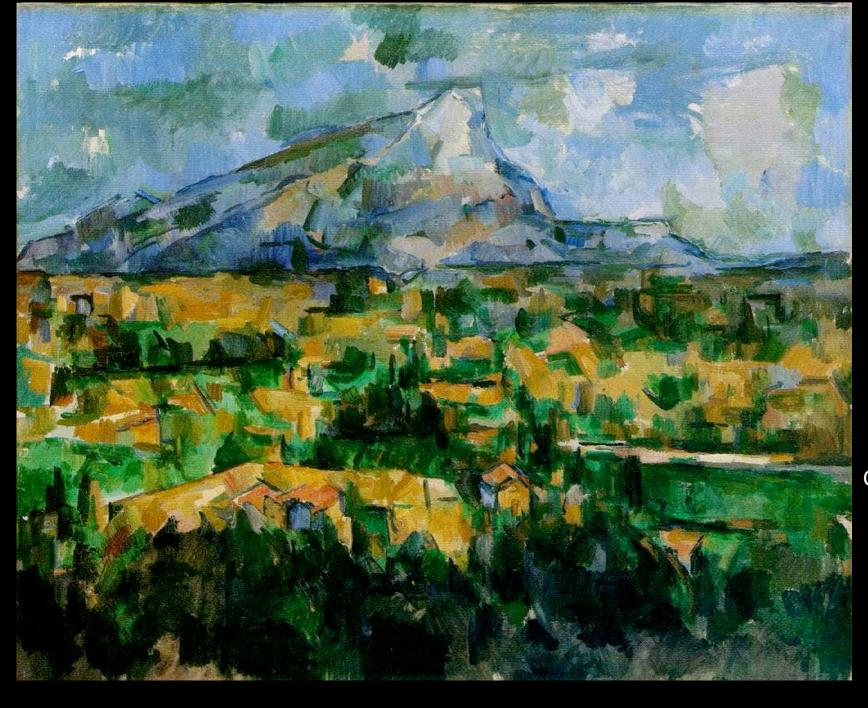
Cezanne, Mont Sainte-Victoire, 1886-87



Cezanne, Mont Sainte-Victoire, c.1895



Cezanne, Mont Ste-Victoire, 1898-1902



Cezanne, Mont Ste-Victoire, 1902-04



IMPASTO

Impasto is the process or technique of laying on paint or pigment thickly so that it stands out from a surface

Vincent Van Gogh, The Sower, 1888





Impasto
Vincent van Gogh, Sunflowers, 1889

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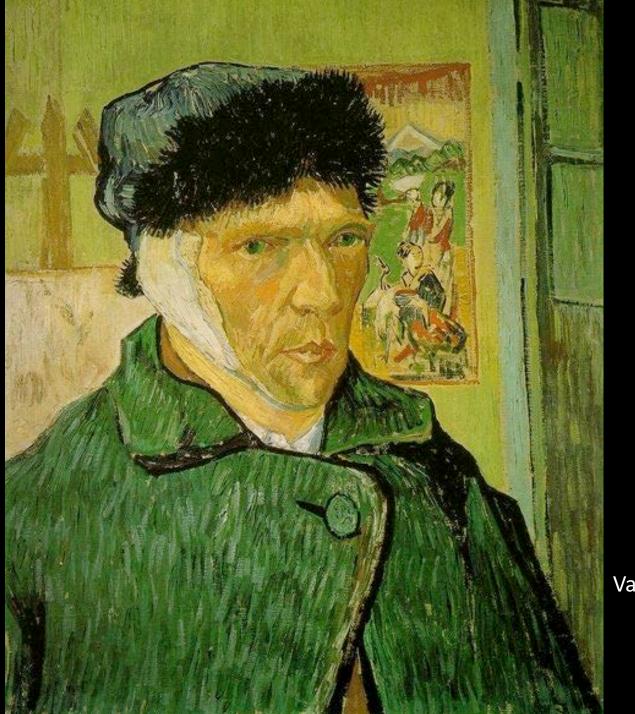
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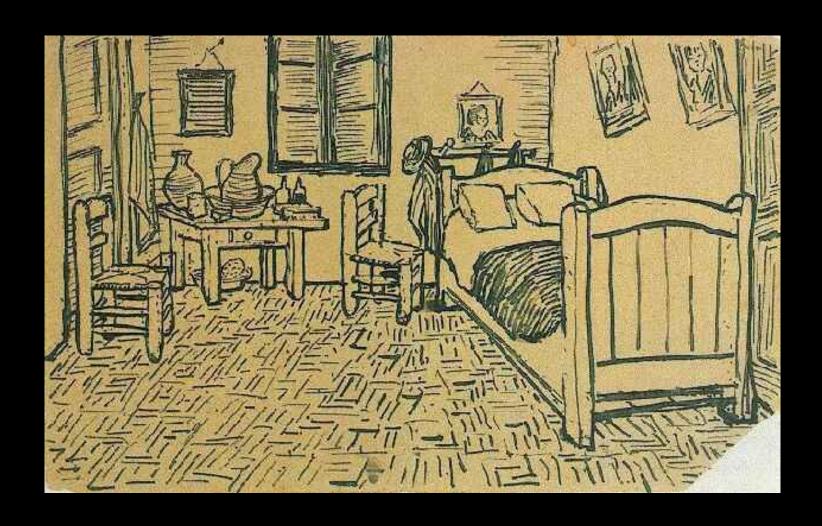
Vincent van Gogh, Letter Sketches, 28-Oct, 1883 -- Letter from Vincent van Gogh to Theo van Gogh with sketch of Man Pulling a Harrow



Van Gogh, Self Portrait with Bandaged Ear, 1889



Van Gogh, The Artist's Bedroom, 1889 -- Third version, end September



Van Gogh, Sketch of Bedroom from Letter to Theo, 1889





Left: Letter from Vincent van Gogh to Paul Gauguin Arles, 17 October 1888

Right: Van Gogh, The Artist's Bedroom, 1889



Listen, the other day I wrote you that my eyesight was strangely tired. All right, I rested for two and a half days, and then set to work again, but without daring to go out into the open air yet. I have done, still for my decoration, a size 30 canvas of my bedroom with the white deal furniture that you know. Well, I enormously enjoyed doing this interior of nothing at all. Of a simplicity à la Seurat.

With flat tints, but brushed on roughly, with a thick impasto, the walls pale lilac, the ground a faded broken red, the chairs and the bed chrome yellow, the pillows and the sheet a very pale green-citron, the blanket blood red, the washstand orange, the washbasin blue, the window green. By means of all these very diverse tones I have wanted to express an absolute restfulness, you see, and there is no white in it at all except a little note produced by the mirror with its black frame (in order to get the fourth pair of complementaries into it).

Well, you will se it along with the other things, and we will talk about it, for I often don't know what I am doing when I am working almost like a sleepwalker.



Left: Second version, September 1889



Above: First version, October 1888

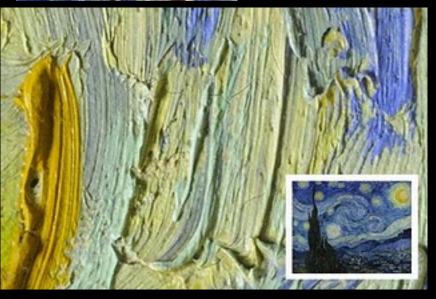


Right: Third version, end September 1889





IMPASTO



Van Gogh, Starry Night, 1889



Van Gogh, Cottages with Thatched Roofs and Figures, Sketch C Letter 902, 1890 (July)



Van Gogh, Thatched Cottages and Houses, 1890



Paul Gauguin, Vision of the Sermon, 1888

Symbolism

Cloisonnism -- a style based on medieval enamel and stainedglass techniques, in which flat areas are bounded by linear patterns and there is a denial of depth and sculptural modeling.

His purpose in creating such an anti-Realist art was to express invisible, subjective meanings and emotions.



Gauguin, The Day of the God (Mahana No Atua), 1894

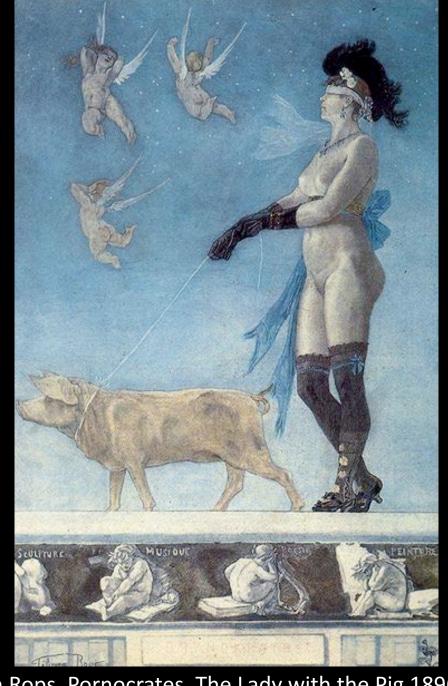
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Symbolism

Literary Precedents: The Decadent Writers

Charles Baudelaire Stéphane Mallarmé Paul Verlaine Joris-Karl Huysmans

Painting and the fin-de-siècle femme fatale

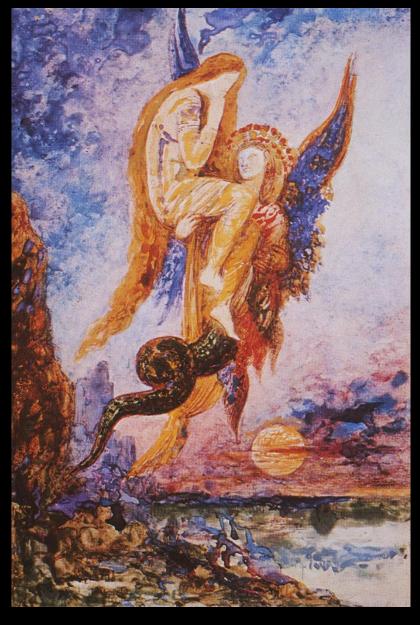


Félicien Rops, Pornocrates, The Lady with the Pig 1896

"His contempt for humanity grew fiercer, and at last he came to realize that the world is made up mostly of fools and scoundrels. It became perfectly clear to him that he could entertain no hope of finding in someone else the same aspirations and antipathies; no hope of linking up with a mind which, like his own, took pleasure in a life of studious decrepitude; no hope of associating an intelligence as sharp and wayward as his own with any author or scholar."

"How inferior the human machine is, compared to man-made machines. They can be decoked, unscrewed, oiled and parts replaced. Decidedly, nature is not a very wonderful thing."

Joris-Karl Huysmans, Against Nature (A Rebours), 1884





Gustave Moreau, Chimera, 1867

Gustave Moreau, Chimeras, 1884



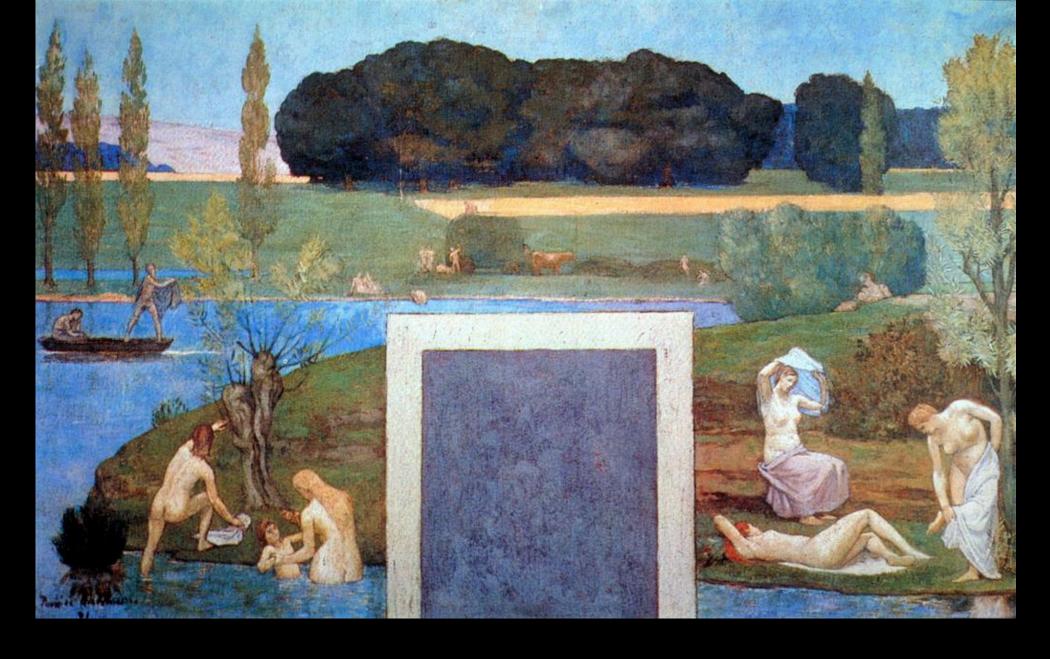
Moreau, Oedipus and the Sphinx, 1864



Moreau, The Victorious Sphinx, 1886-88

Fifth-century BCE myth of the Sphinx and her riddle she posed to Thebans. Each time the Thebans gave a wrong answer, she ate one of them.

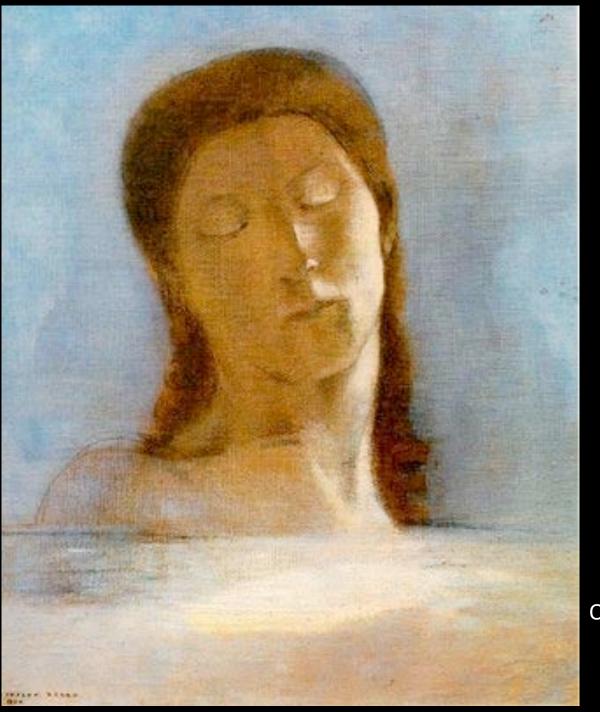
"What is that which in the morning goeth upon four feet; upon two feet in the afternoon; and in the Evening upon three?"



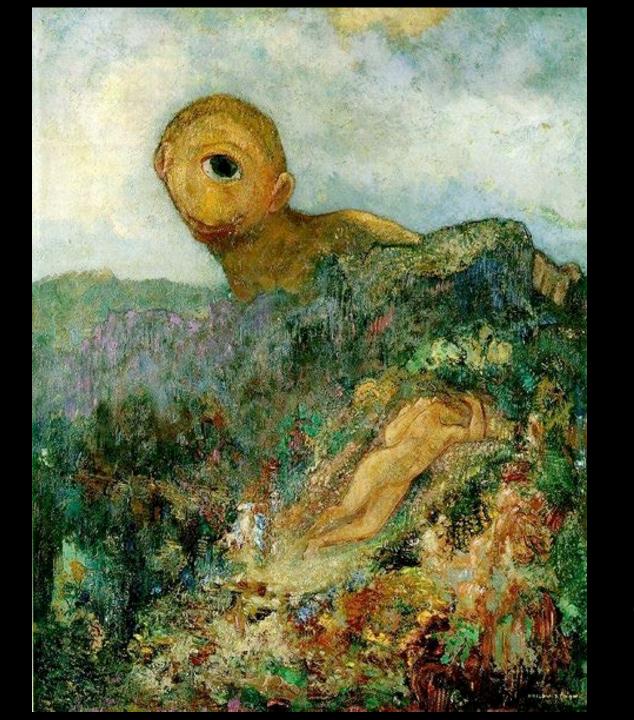
Pierre Puvis de Chavannes, Summer, Entrance mural for the Hotel de Ville, Paris, ca. 1891



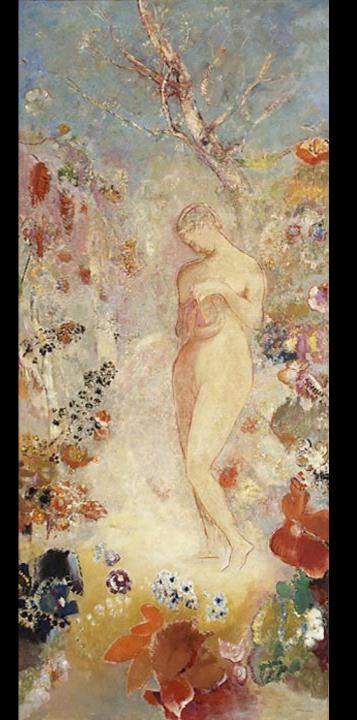
Puvis de Chavannes, Summer, 1891



Odilon Redon, Closed Eyes, 1890



Odilon Redon, Cyclops, 1895



Odilon Redon, Pandora, 1910-12

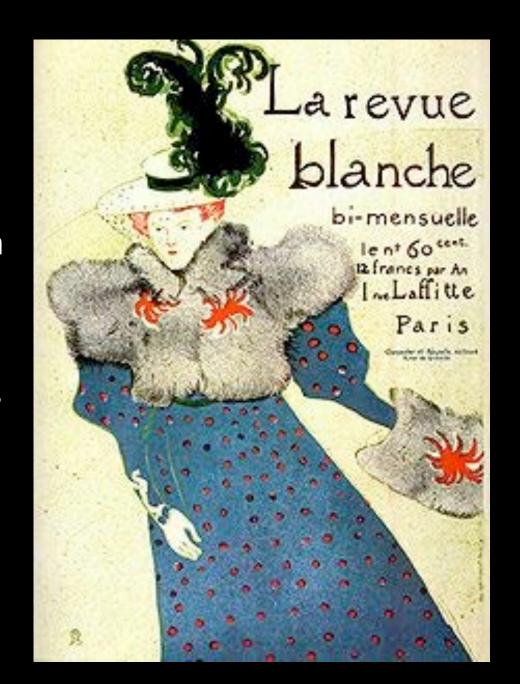
The Nabis

La revue blanche Japoniste

A picture – before being a warhorse, a female nude, or some anecdote – is essentially a flat surface covered with colors assembled in a particular order.

– Maurice Denis

Charlotte Perkins Gilman, "The Yellow Wallpaper" (1899)





Pierre Bonnard, Four Panels for a Screen: Women in the Garden, 1891







Bonnard, Promenade of the Nursemaids: Frieze of Fiacres, 1899

Constructions of Female Subjectivity

Femme fatale

Neurasthenia



Bonnard, Blue Nude, 1898-1899



Bonnard, Woman Dozing on a Bed or The Indolent Woman, 1899



Bonnard, Blue Nude, 1898-1899



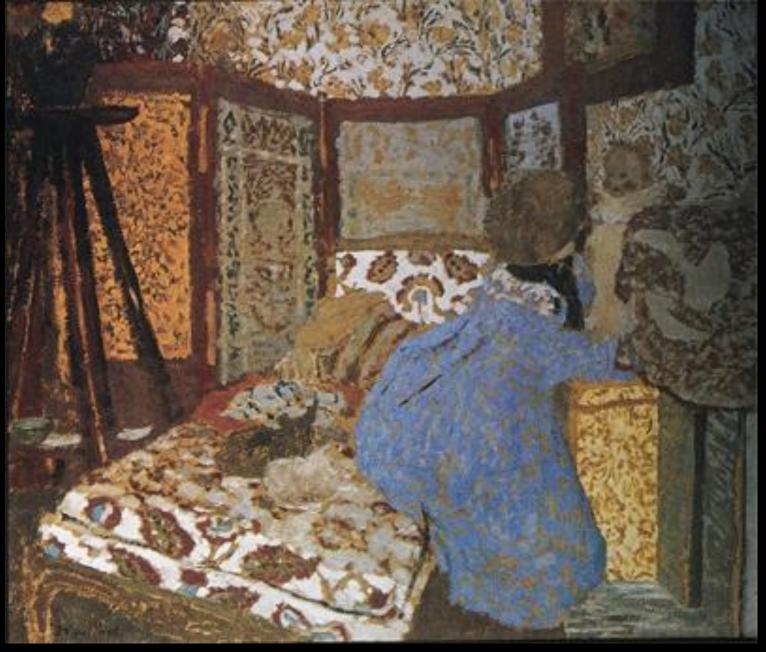
Bonnard, Nude Against the Light, 1908





Édouard Vuillard, Interior, Mother and Sister of the Artist, 1893

Édouard Vuillard, Interior with Work Table, 1893



Vuillard, Mother and Child, 1899



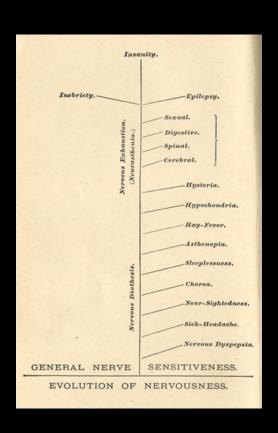
Vuillard, Misia Natanson and Felix Vallotton, 1899 Aestheticism

Formalism

Art for Art's Sake

"On a pattern like this, by daylight, there is a lack of sequence, a defiance of law, that is a constant irritant to a normal mind. The color is hideous enough, and unreliable enough, and infuriating enough, but the pattern is torturing. You think you have mastered it, but just as you get well underway in following, it turns a back somersault and there you are. It slaps you in the face, knocks you down, and tramples upon you. It is like a bad dream. The outside pattern is a florid arabesque, reminding one of a fungus. If you can imagine a toadstool in joints, an interminable string of toadstools, budding and sprouting in endless convolutions--why, that is something like it. That is, sometimes! There is one marked peculiarity about this paper, a thing nobody seems to notice but myself, and that is that it changes as the light changes. When the sun shoots in through the east window--I always watch for that first long, straight rayit changes so quickly that I never can quite believe it. That is why I watch it always." Charlotte Perkins Gilman, "The Yellow Wallpaper" (1899)

The narrator suffers from neurasthenia. It is a quasi-scientific diagnosis that appeared in 1829 characterized by an array of physical attributes. Some of the possible symptoms of neurasthenia: headaches, muscle pain, weight loss, irritability, anxiety, impotence, depression, "a lack of ambition," and both insomnia and lethargy. It was a bit of a grab bag of a diagnosis, a catch-all for nearly any kind of discomfort or unhappiness. Today, neurasthenia has largely been abandoned as a medical diagnosis.





Disturbed

domestic

happiness.

break down

nerves

YYYYY Nervousness in the Home.

We are all familiar with the ruin worked in the home by disturbed nerves, the breaking down of the closer ties between husband and

wife, and the influence for ill under which children grow up to mature years. It is under such conditions that the seeds of disease are sown which bear bitter fruit in the present and future generations. The nervousness of the father or the mother becomes uncontrollable. No amount of will power will keep it down, unless the nerves are brought into subjection by effective means.

vousness into the home is a storm signal which must be heeded or the domestic fabric will soon be tottering to its fall. So lamentably true is this that when the first indications of

The advent of ner-

Dr. Greene's advice when nervousness first appears.

nervousness appear they must be heeded promptly, that help may be found before the harsh words are spoken which, induced by a nervous condition, have a force in them sufficient to mar the hopes and lives of all.





Vuillard, Interior, Mother and Sister of the Artist, 1893

Vuillard, Interior with Work Table, 1893



Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec [1864-1901]





Demimonde

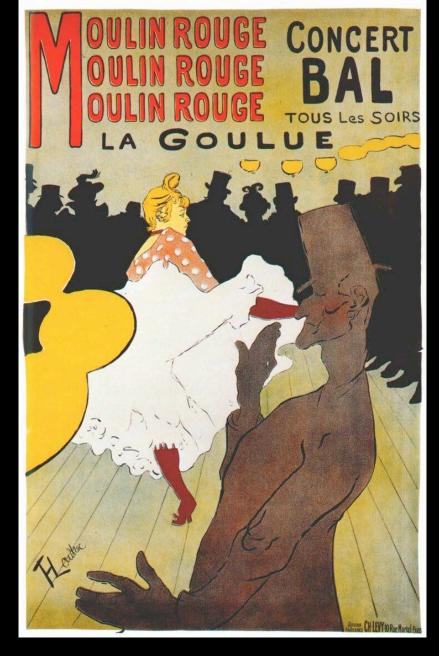
Fin de siècle Montmartre, Paris

CABARET DU NÉANT - Paris-Montmartre - nº 1, Salle d'Intoxication





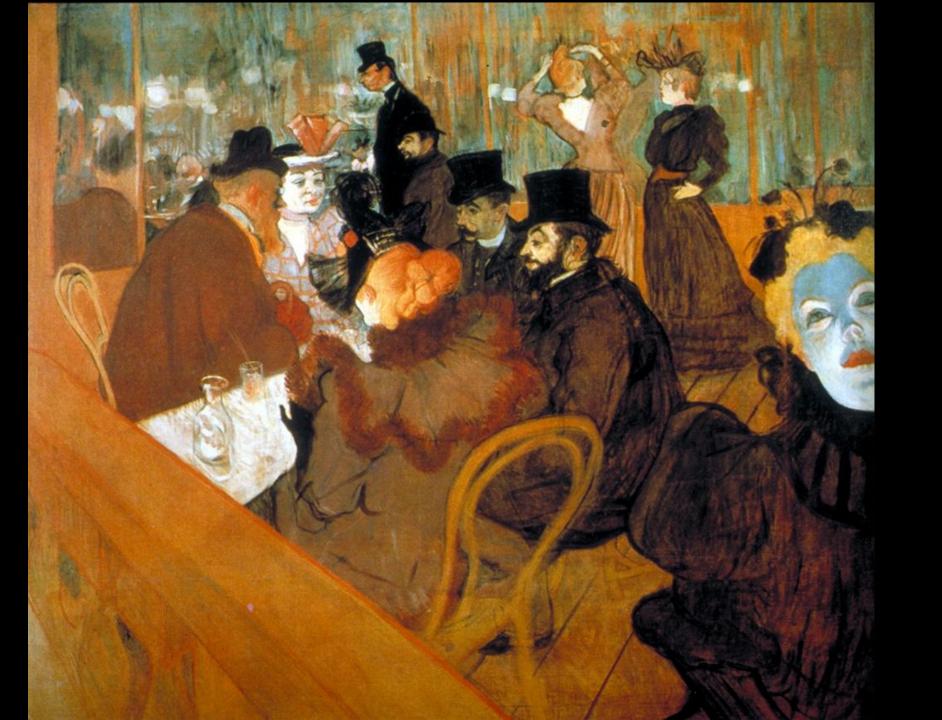
Up until 1950 Montmartre retained an aura of evil for provincials and foreign visitors, and did its best to satisfy them with a tawdry kind of satanism. The most famous of these places, in the Boulevard de Clichy, was called *L'Enfer*. Philippe Jullian, *Montmartre* (1977)



Toulouse-Lautrec, Moulin Rouge, lithograph poster, 1891



Toulouse-Lautrec, Divan Japonais, lithograph poster, 1892-3



Toulouse-Lautrec, At the Moulin-Rouge, 1892

Fauvism – Salon d'Automne 1905

Donatello, chez des fauves!
-- Louis Vauxcelles

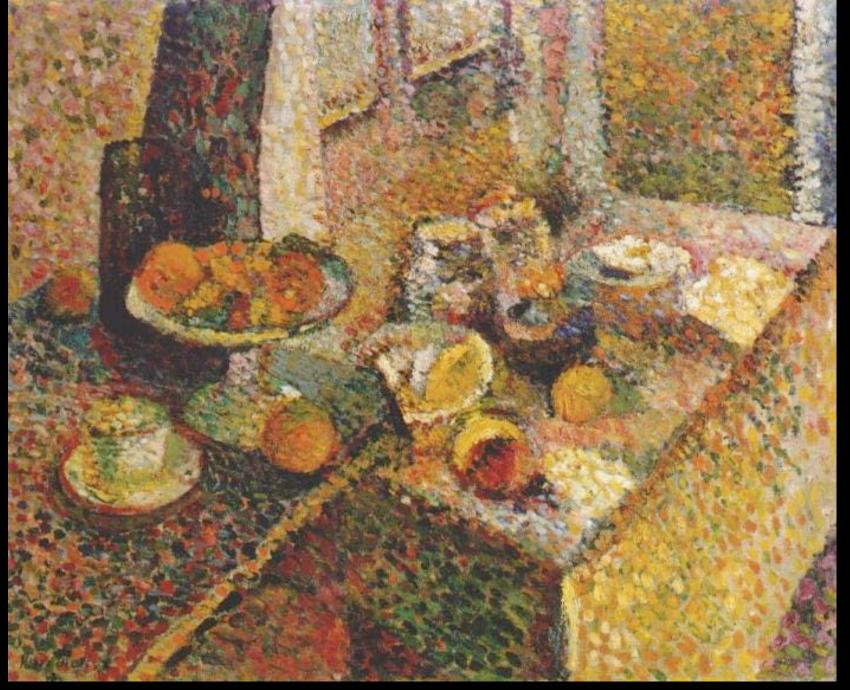
fauves: wild beasts



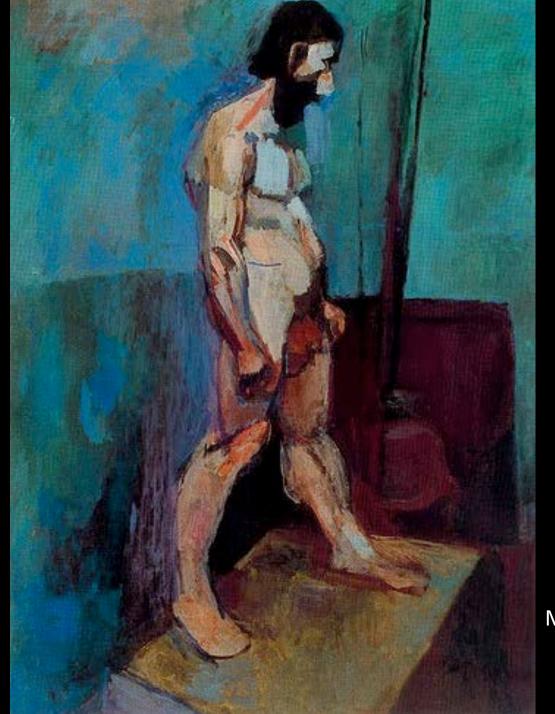
Henri Matisse, Woman with a Hat, 1905



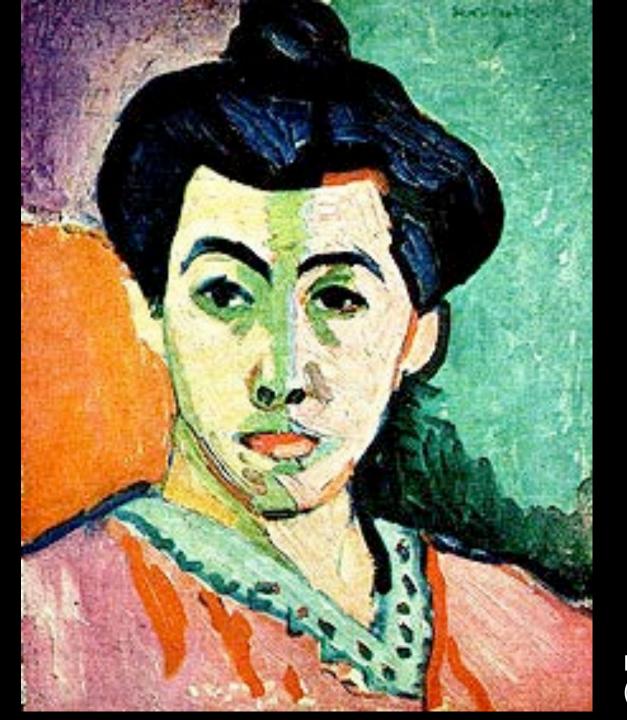
Henri Matisse, Table (La Desserte), 1897



Matisse, Interior with Sideboard & Table, 1899



Matisse, Male Model, 1900



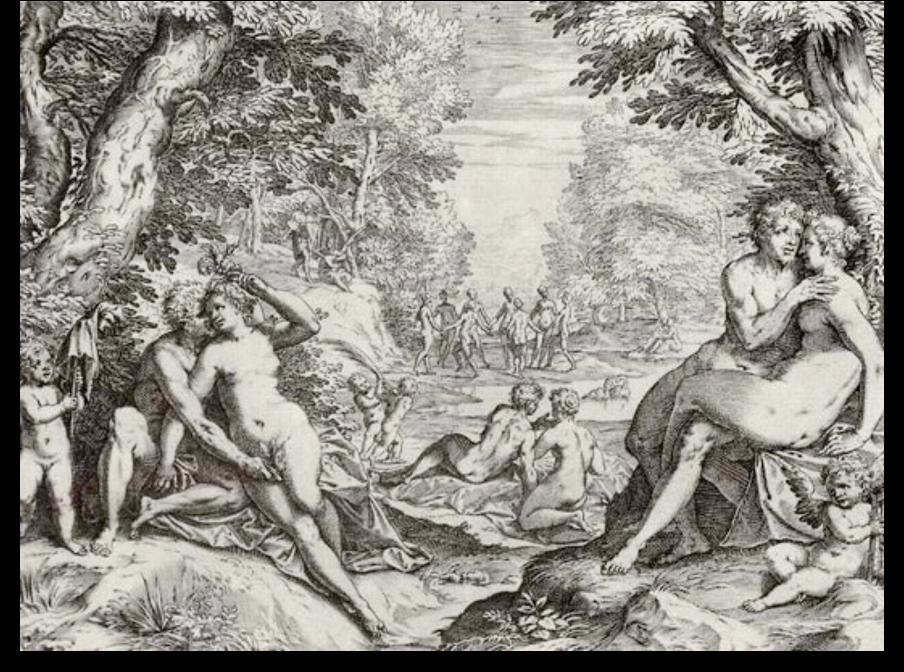
Henri Matisse, Madame Matisse (The Green Line/Stripe), 1905



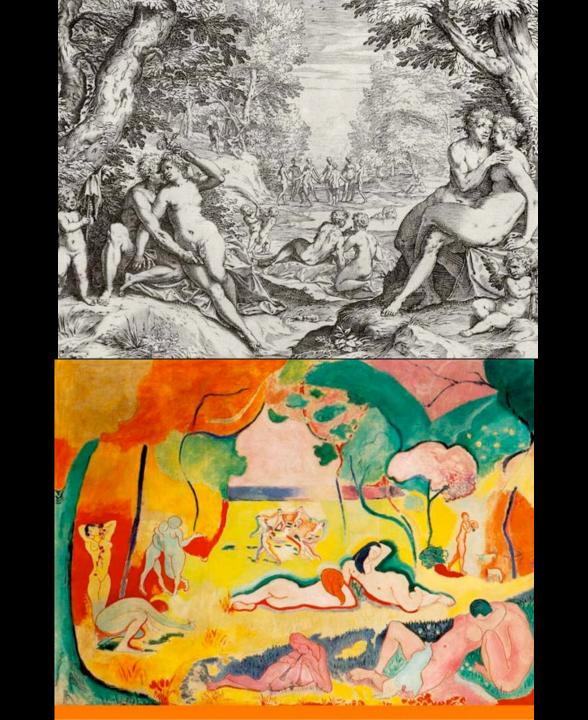
Matisse, Open Window at Collioure, 1905

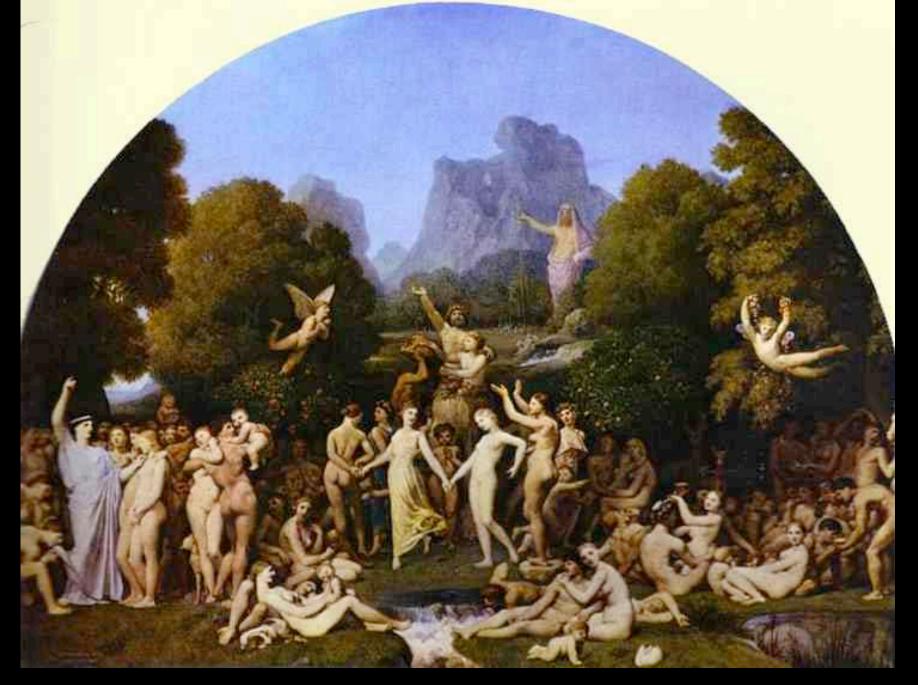


Matisse, The Joy of Life, 1905-6



Agostino Carracci, Reciprico Amore , 1589-1595





Jean-August Dominique Ingres, The Golden Age, 1862

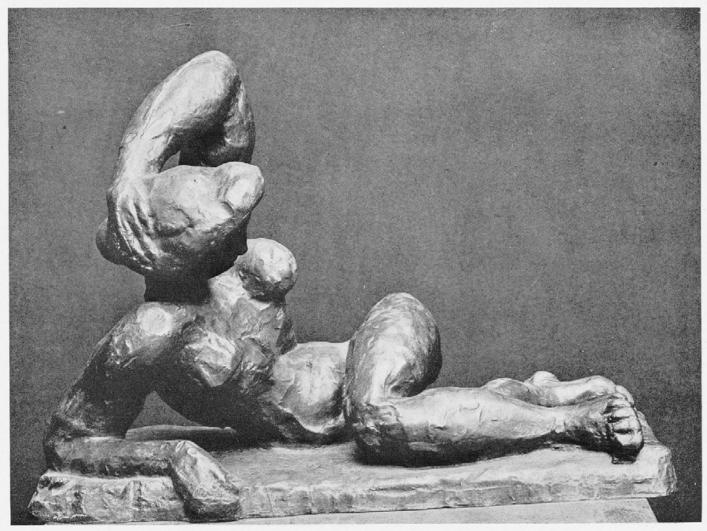


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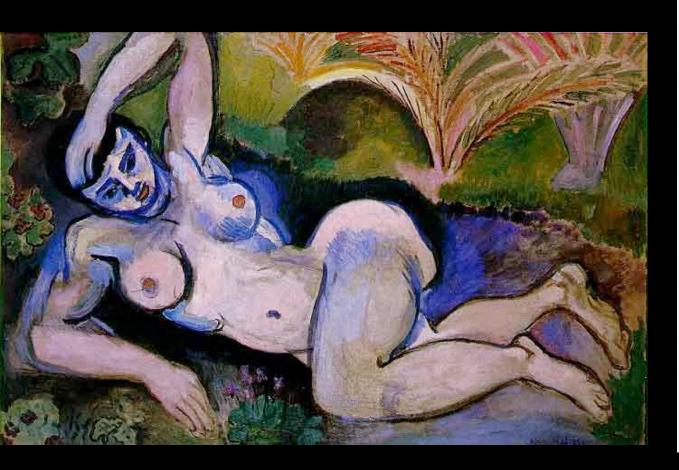


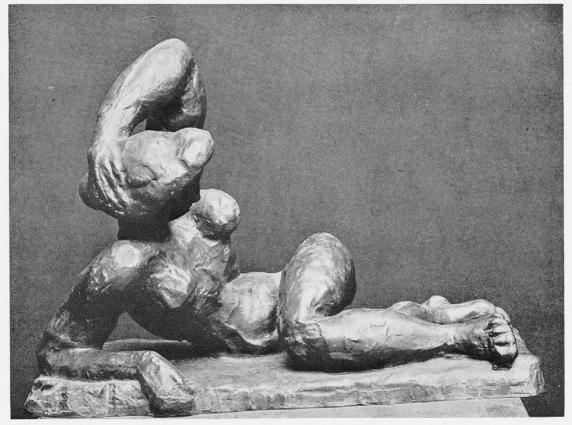
Matisse, Blue Nude: Memory of Biskra, 1907



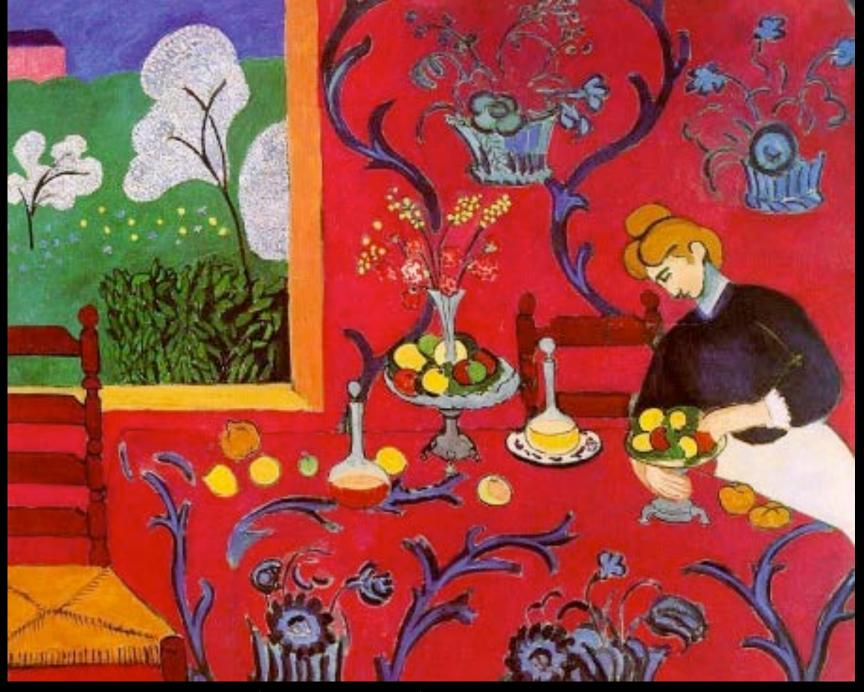
MATISSE: SCULPTURE

Henri Matisse, 1906-07, Nu couché, I, Aurore (Reclining Nude, I), exhibited at Montross Gallery, New York, 1915





MATISSE: SCULPTURE



Matisse, Red Room (Harmony in Red), 1908-9



Henri Matisse, Table (La Desserte), 1897

Matisse, Red Room (Harmony in Red), 1908-9



Matisse, The Dance, 1909



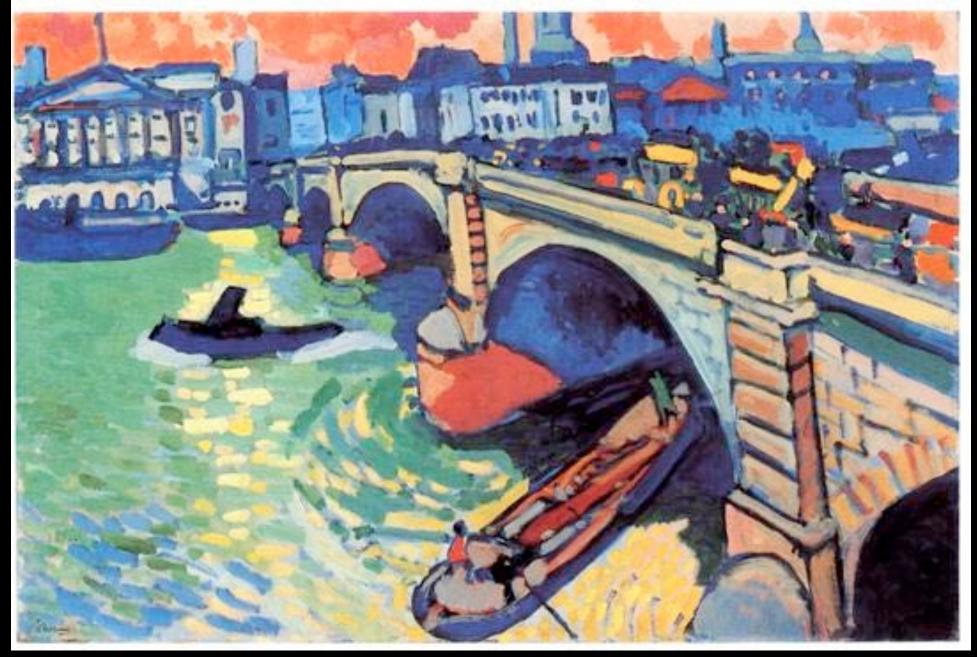
Matisse, The Pink Studio, 1911



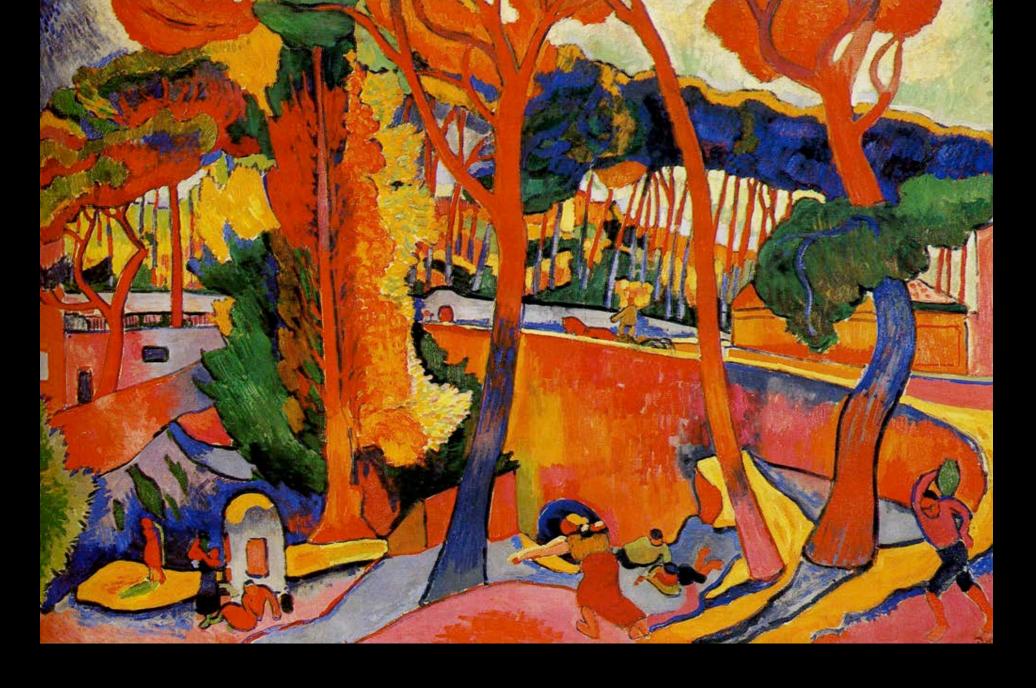
Henri Matisse, The Red Studio Issy-les-Moulineaux, fall 1911

Four Fauvistes

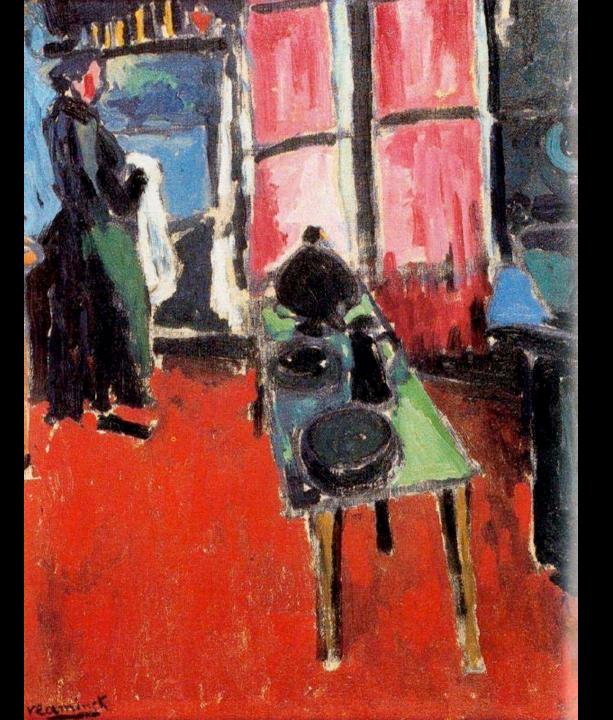
André Derain Maurice de Vlaminck Raoul Dufy Georges Rouault



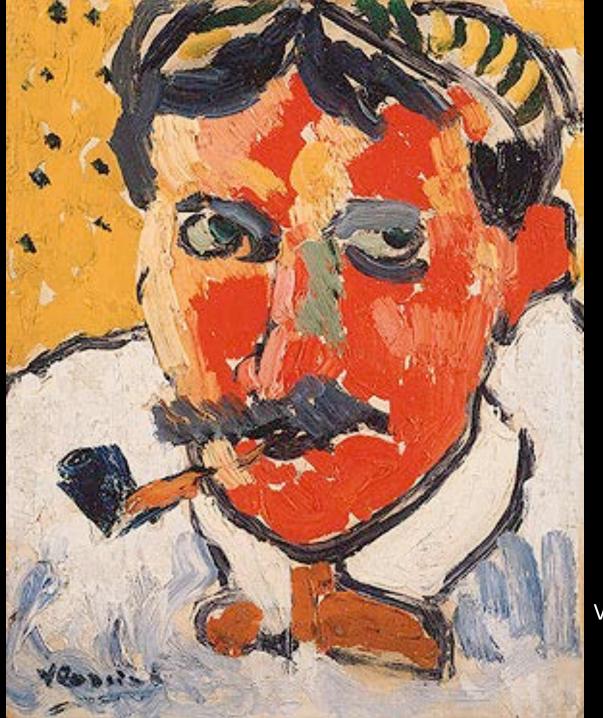
André Derain, London Bridge, 1906



Derain, The Turning Road, 1906



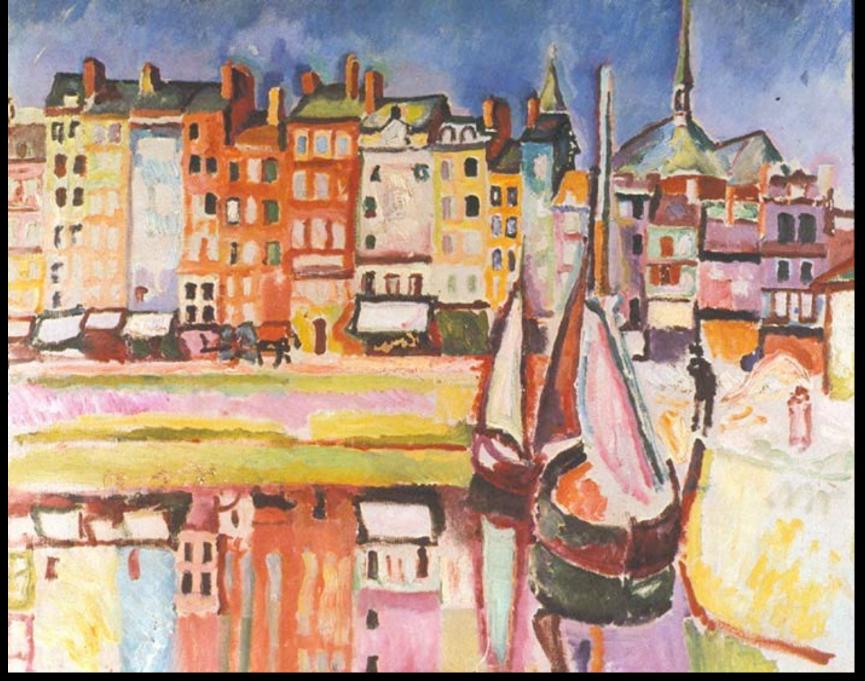
Maurice de Vlaminck, The Kitchen (Interior), 1904-5



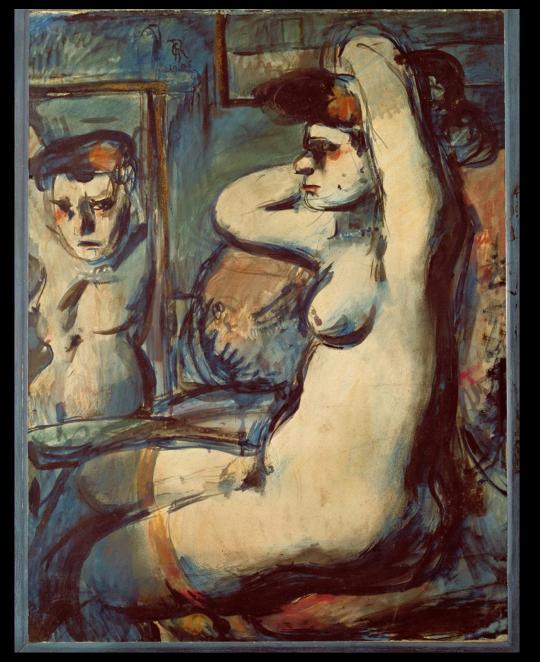
Vlaminck, Portrait of Derain, 1905



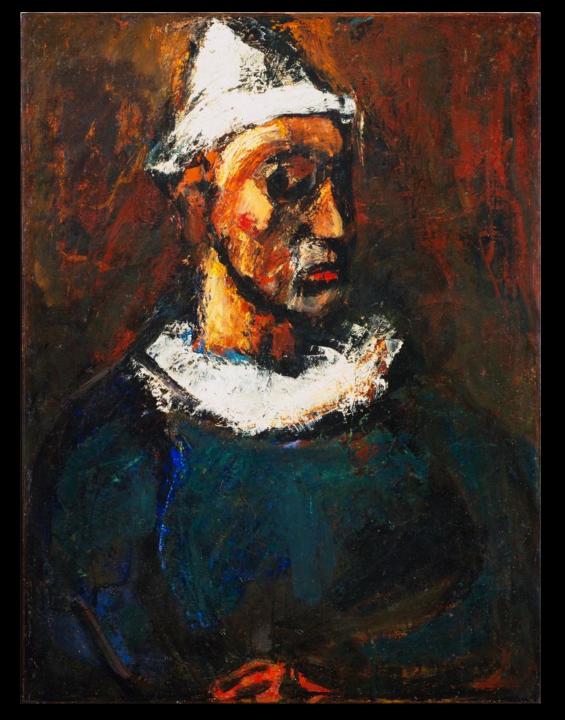
Vlaminck, Outing in the Country, 1905



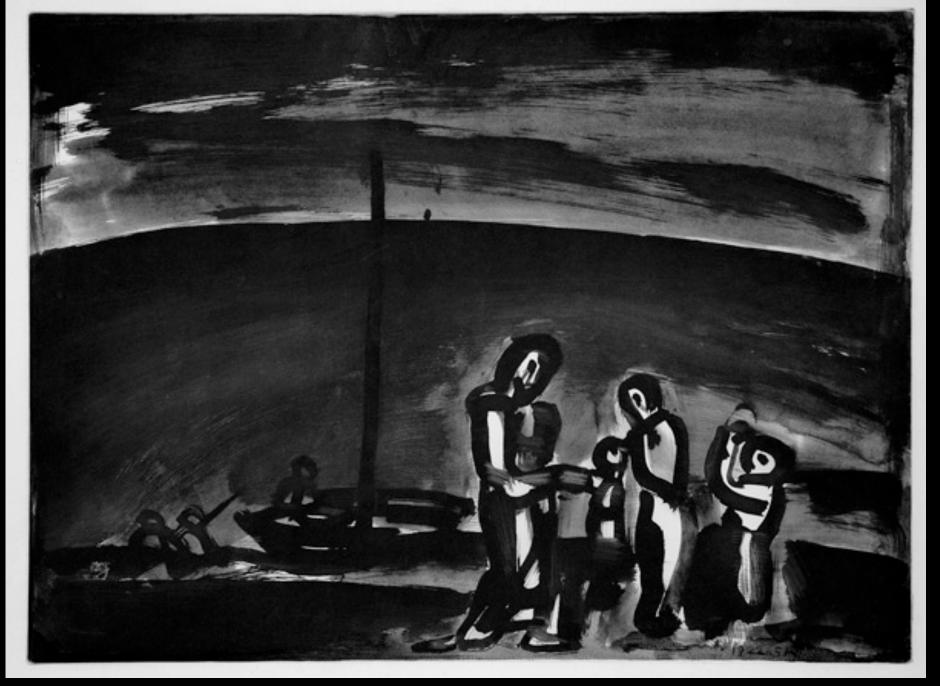
Raoul Dufy, Old House at Honfleur, 1906



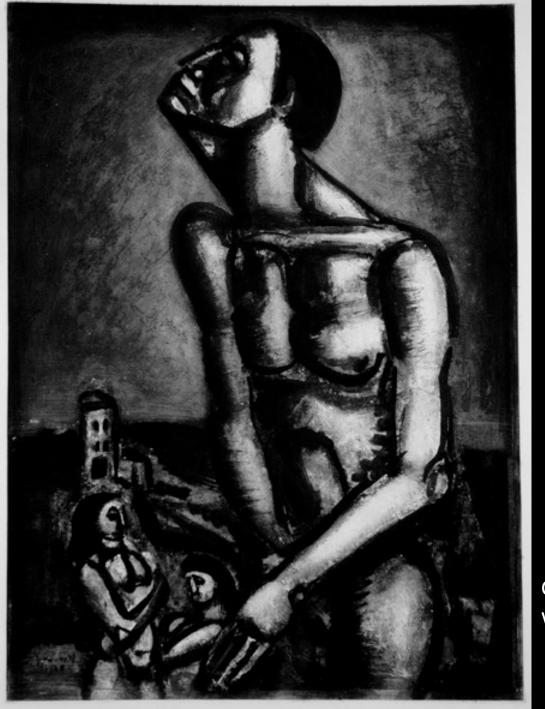
Georges Rouault, Prostitute Looking in Mirror, 1906



Georges Rouault, Clown, 1912



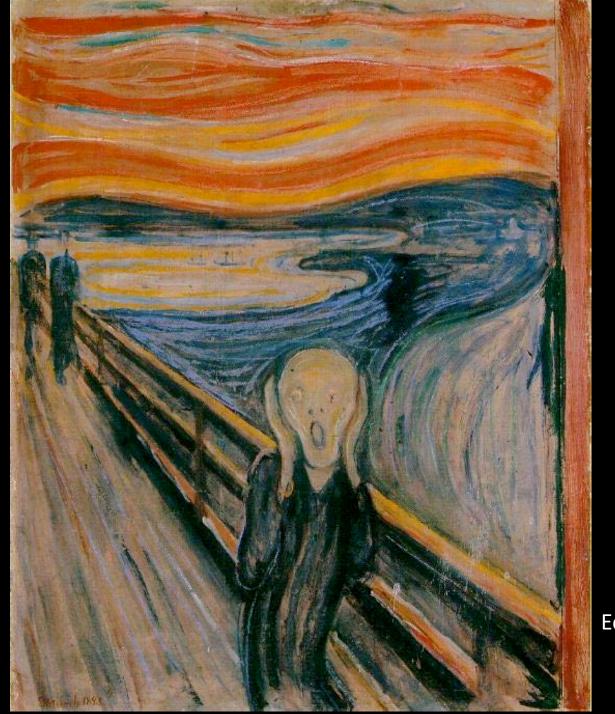
Georges Rouault, Misere Series: Sometimes the way is beautiful, 1922



Georges Rouault, Misere Series: Are we not slaves? 1926

Expressionism Norway, Germany, and Austria Edvard Munch – Norway Die Brücke – Dresden and Berlin Die Blaue Reiter – Munich Kollwitz – Munich, Königsberg, Berlin Kokoschka and Schiele – Vienna

Expressionism Norway, Germany, and Austria

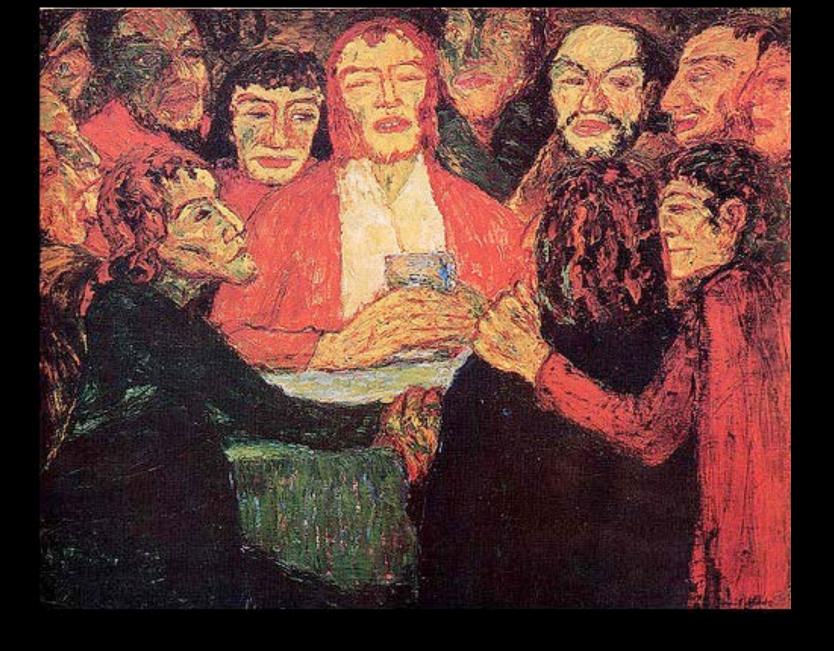


Edvard Munch, The Scream, 1893

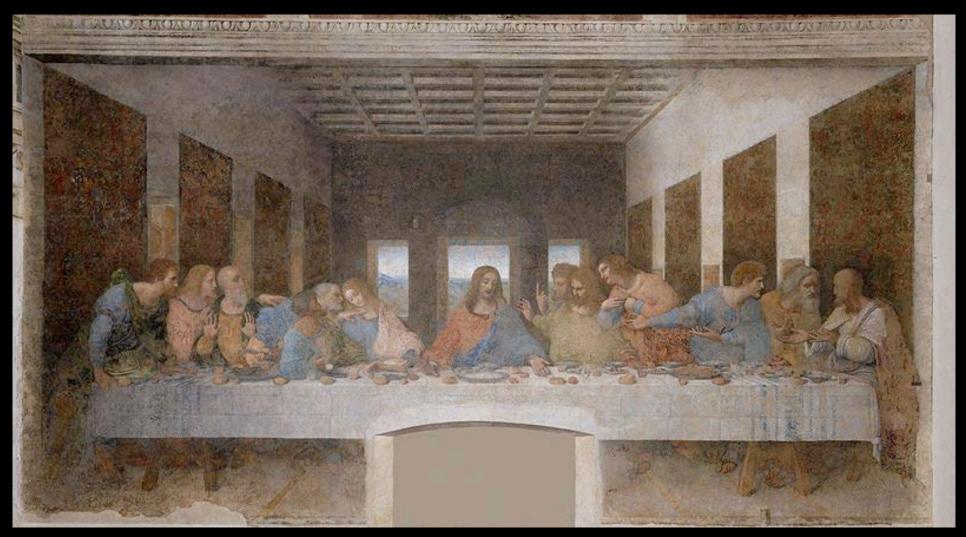


Edvard Munch, Death in the Sick Room, 1895

Popular völkisch tradition



Emil Nolde, The Last Supper, 1909



Leonardo da Vinci, The Last Supper, covering the back wall of the dining hall at the monastery of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy, 1497



Emil Nolde, Christ among the Children, 1910



Emil Nolde, The Prophet, 1912

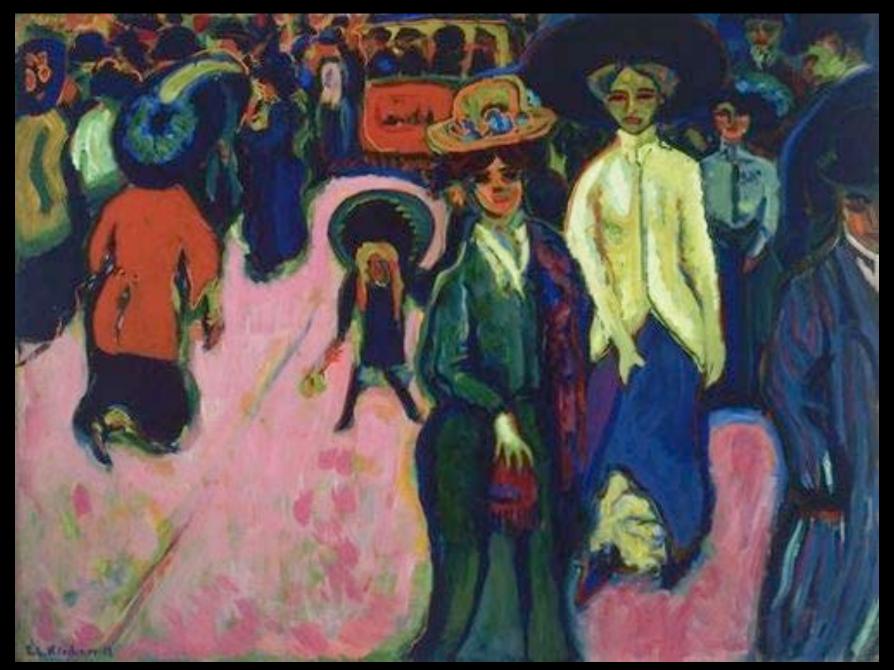
Woodcut

Die Brücke

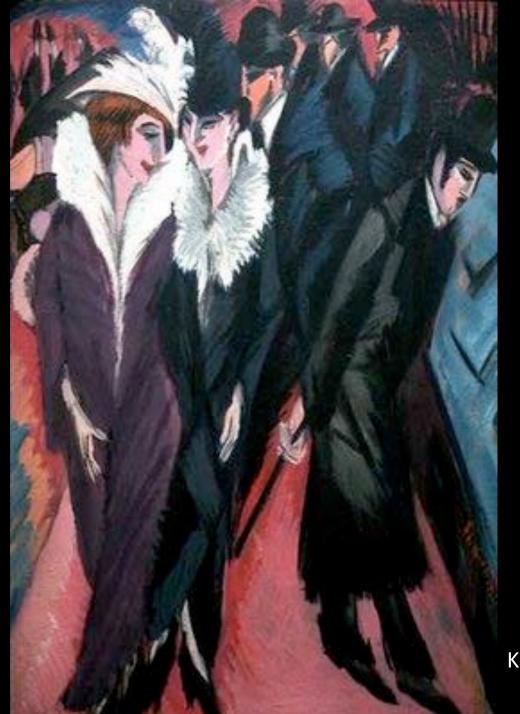
The Bridge

1906

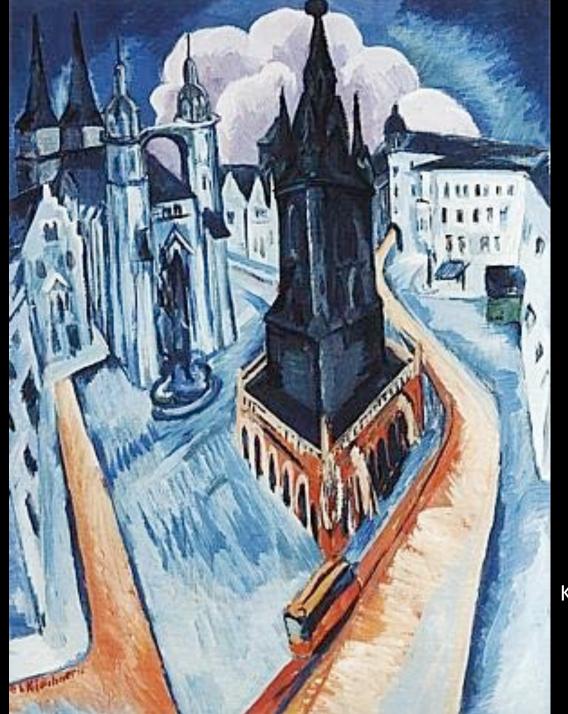
The term intends to "symbolize the link, or bridge, they would form with art of the future."



Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, The Street, 1907



Kirchner, The Street, 1913



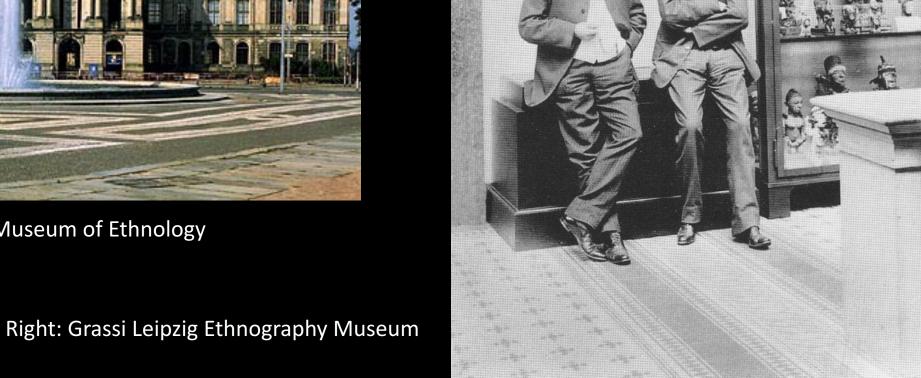
Kirchner, The Red Tower at Halle, 1915

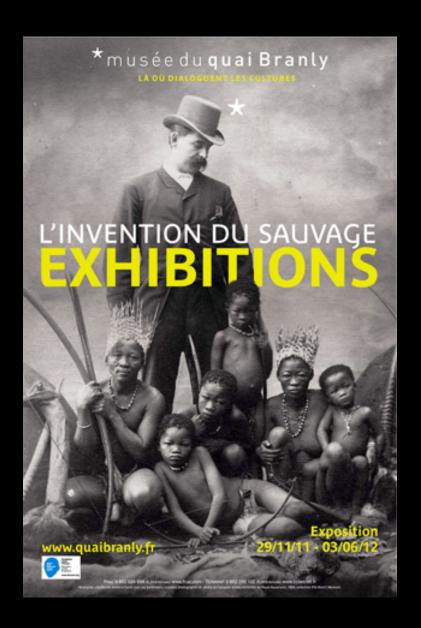


Erich Heckel, Masks, 1907



Dresden Museum of Ethnology







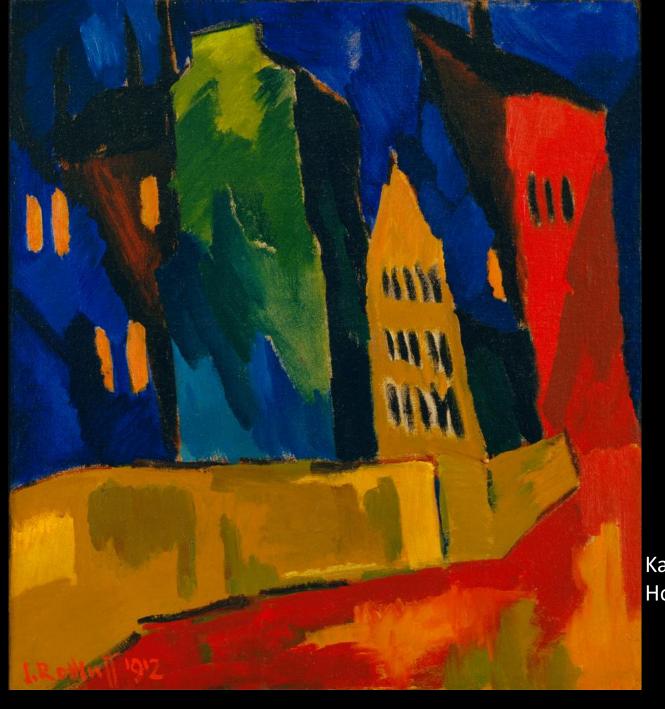
Installation in the Oceanic Room, Trocadero Museum of Ethnography,
Paris 1895



Erich Heckel, cover of Brücke, 1910



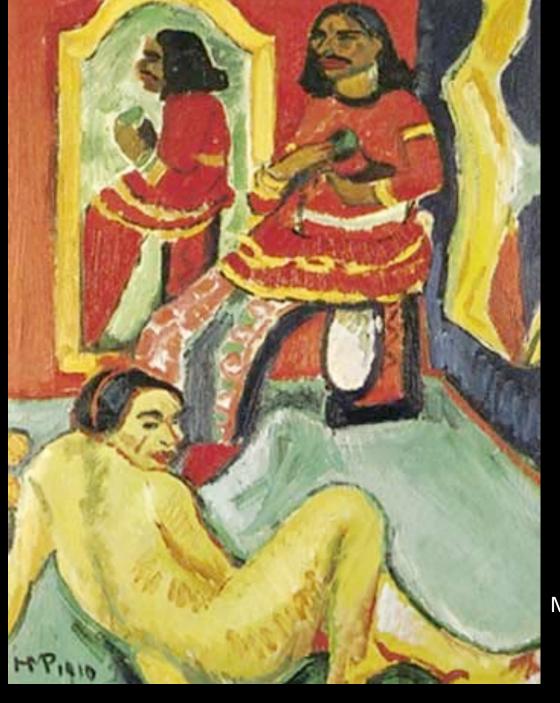
Heckel, Glass Day Date 1913



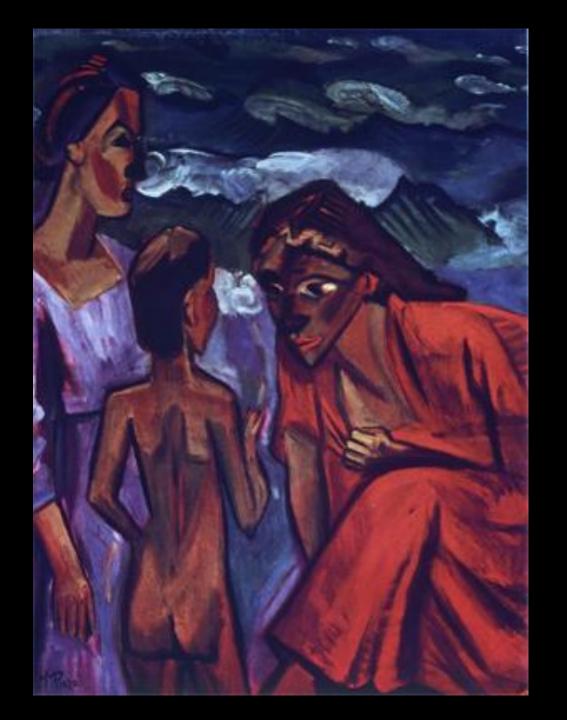
Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, Houses at Night, 1912



Karl Schmidt-Rottluff, Did Not Christ Appear to You? 1918



Max Pechstein, Indian & Woman, 1910



Pechstein, Bathing Scene, 1920

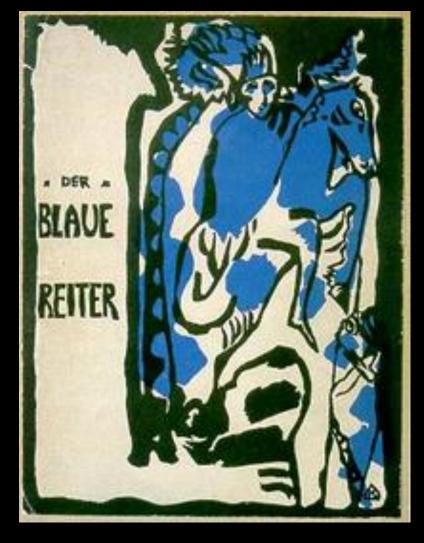
Die Blaue Reiter

The Blue Rider

1911

Munich





Wassily Kandinsky, cover of Der Blaue Reiter almanac, 1912

They believed that colors, shapes, and forms have equivalence with sounds and music. They sought to create color harmonies which would be purifying to the soul. Related term: Synesthesia; Related quote from F. Nietzsche: "Who wishes to be creative must first blast and destroy accepted values."



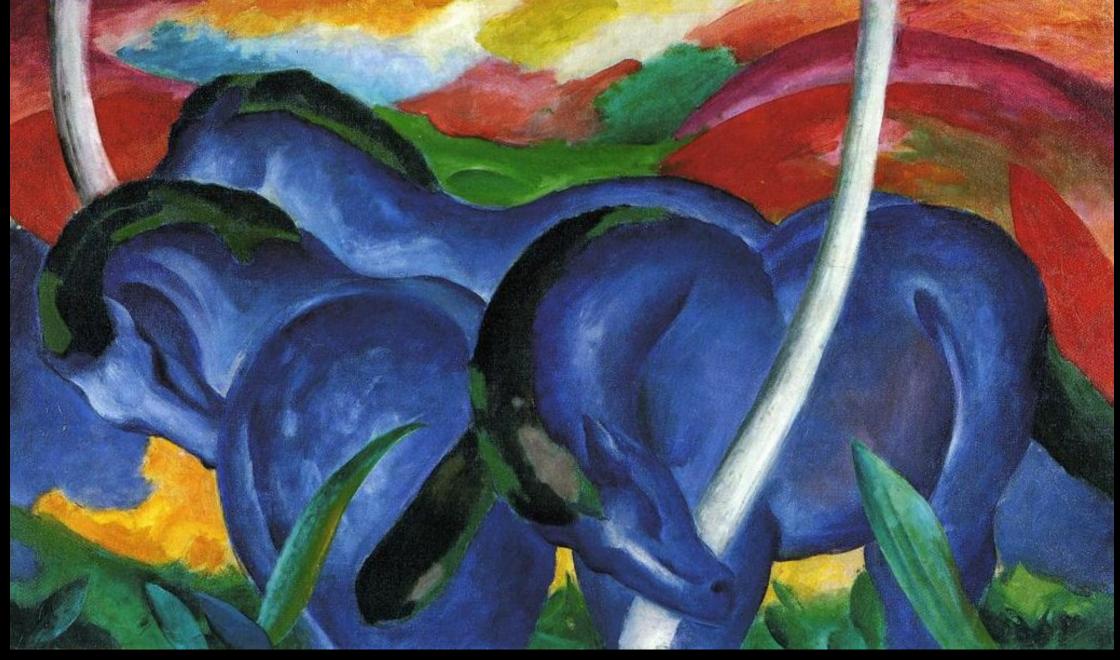
Wassily Kandinsky, The Blue Rider, 1903



Wassily Kandinsky, Study for Composition VII, 1913

"Color is the keyboard, the eyes are the harmonies, the soul is the piano with many strings. The artist is the hand that plays, touching one key to another, to cause vibrations of the soul."

--W. Kandinsky



Franz Marc, Large Blue Horses, 1911



Franz Marc, The Destiny of the Animals, 1913



Paul Klee, Hero with a Wing, 1905



Lyonel Feininger, Harbor Mole, 1913



Käthe Kollwitz, Woman with Dead Child, 1903

engraving and softground etching retouched with black chalk, graphite, and metallic gold paint on heavy wove paper



Käthe Kollwitz, The Prisoners, etching/plate 7 from the Bauernkrieg Series, 1903-08 (1921)

From 1903 to 1908, Käthe Kollwitz worked on the plates for Bauernkrieg / Peasant War, a series of etchings that represents the brutal treatment of peasants in sixteenth-century Germany, their rise to revolution and battle, and their subsequent humiliation and death. Although based on historic events, the series anticipates tragedies that unfolded across Europe during the first half of the twentieth century.



Käthe Kollwitz, Losbruch (Outbreak), from the Bauernkrieg (The peasants' revolt), 1903-08

A mob of armed peasants charges ahead, urged on by a woman with upraised arms; 8th state. 1903 Etching with impressed textile texture and liftground aquatint, with engraving, printed in brown on white wove paper



Käthe Kollwitz, Pietà, 1937-38/39, 15¼ in

On the anniversary of her son Peter's death in 1914 the artist noted in her diary in 1937: "I am working on a small sculpture which has developed out of my attempt to make a sculpture of an old person. It has become something like a Pietà. The mother is seated and has her dead son lying between her knees in her lap.

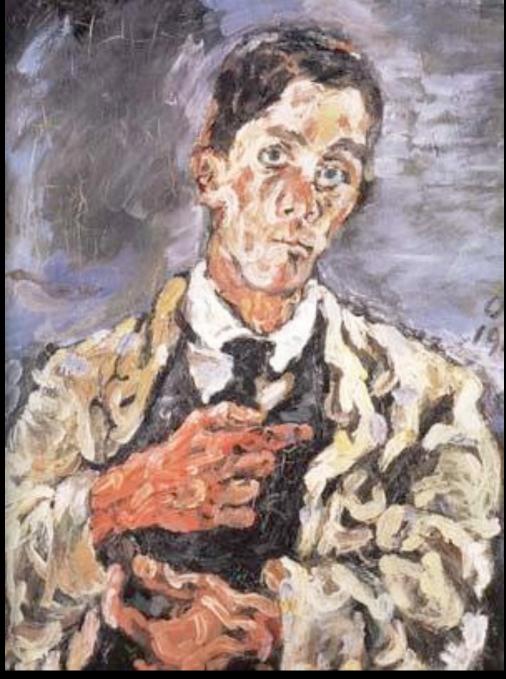


Michelangelo, Piéta (The Pity), 1498-99 (68.5 in × 76.8 in)

Käthe Kollwitz, Pietà, 1937-38/39 (151/4 in)



Oskar Kokoschka, Portrait of Adolf Loos, 1909



Kokoschka, Self-Portrait, 1905-09



Oskar Kokoschka, Bride Of The Wind, or The Tempest, 1913

It is an allegorical picture featuring a self-portrait by the artist, lying alongside his lover Alma Mahler.

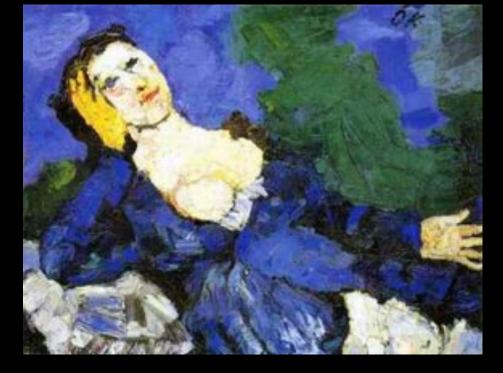








In July 1918 Oskar Kokoschka ordered a lifesize doll from the Munich doll-maker Hermine Moos as a substitute for his lost love. It was to be made to look exactly like Alma Mahler. On July 22 he already returned a model of the head, having checked it and made suggestions as to how the work should proceed. "If you are able to carry out this task as I would wish, to deceive me with such magic that when I see it and touch it imagine that I have the woman of my dreams in front of me, then dear Fräulein Moos, I will be eternally indebted to your skills of invention and your womanly sensitivity as you may already have deduced from the discussion we had." The doll was not finished until the second half of February 1919. On February 22 Kokoschka asked to have the doll sent to him. The ensuing disappointment was huge. The doll could scarcely fulfil Kokoschka's erotic and sexual desires and in the end became no more than a kind of still-life model. The artist then took the place of the unhappy lover and by means of a painterly (and graphic) metamorphosis of the doll he breathed new life into Alma as a "figure of art".

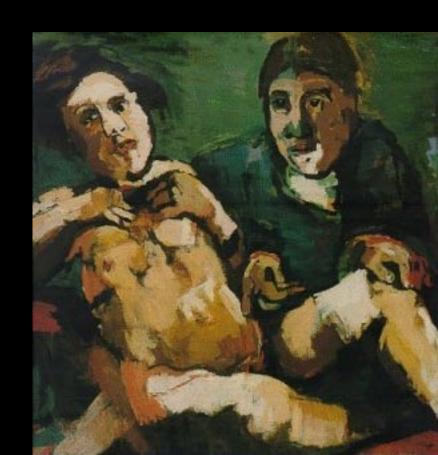


Oskar Kokoschka, Woman in Blue, 1919

Endowed with Alma's features, the "silent woman" was to be a compliant substitute companion and muse. The *Woman in Blue* is one of the first images from the series engaging with Alma and the fetish doll. It is interesting that it was painted after the Alma fetish doll. A friend of Kokoschka's recalled how he once visited Kokoschka while he was working on the picture and, at the time, the life-sized doll lay enveloped in a blue coat on the sofa. Since the likeness of Alma appears fairly approximate and spontaneous, it is all the more remarkable that Kokoschka completed over 100 sketches for the picture.

Oskar Kokoschka, Self-Portrait with Doll, 1920/21, oil on canvas

The fabric woman is supporting her plump body on a vibrant red cushion while the cover on which she is sitting has an orange hue. Her badly proportioned body, viewed up close, is a mottled patchwork of pink, ochre, brown and cream shades. Even a stark shade of red can be made out on her nipples and in her pubic area. Only at a distance do the patches of color combine to form a picture, even though one still has the impression of bandages, particularly around the knee. The fabric woman is supporting her plump body on a vibrant red cushion, but unlike her lifeless torso, her face however appears very lively. Kokoschka points sadly and in resignation to her womb, and like an accuser, presents her to an invisible court as the originator of his pain.





Egon Schiele, Nude Selfportrait, 1910

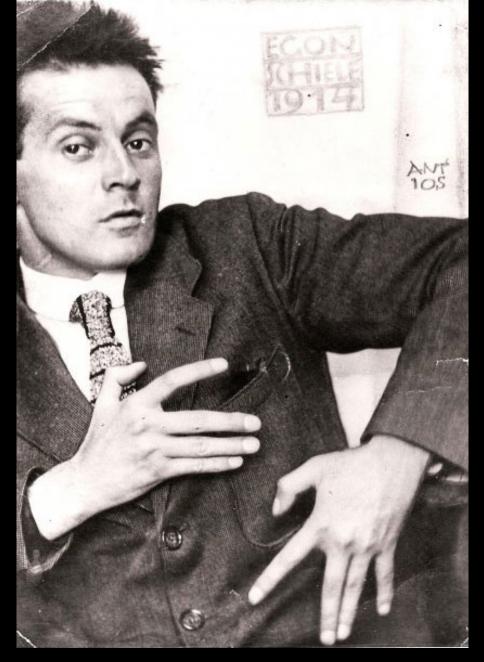




Egon Schiele, The Self-Seer II (Death and Man), 1911



Egon Schiele, Self-portrait with Bent Head; study for Hermits, 1912



Photograph of Egon Schiele, 1914 – a key Schiele motif, hands as a vehicle for feeling