



Sample Paper 8

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Art and the World

What exactly is art? If you go to an art museum, you can see some pretty weird stuff. You can see some really neat stuff, too, like paintings from other cultures or from other times. Art can show how other people see the world and how people in other times saw the world. So what is art? One art expert said art is about experience—when you look at art, what do you feel or think about? So what if you were in a museum and saw a board painted bright blue, and it was titled “Blue.” Would you think it was art? You might just think that if a board painted blue is art, then anything can be art. You might feel that if this artist got paid for the blue board, then you’d like to become an artist, too. Yet that is only one perspective.

Many people prefer art that looks like what it is supposed to be—a painting of a house, a person, or an animal. That is called realism. Other people in the world may prefer art that makes them think of other things. Like impressionism or even surrealism. That’s what museums are for. To view art from around the world and from different historical times. Art to each person is a different thing and that has always been true since the earliest times. This helps us define it.

Architecture is yet another example of art. Frank Lloyd Wright was a famous architect. You can visit houses or buildings designed by him. Architecture is not like a painting (or a board painted blue) that you could get tired of after it hangs on a wall for a while. Designing and



constructing a building takes far more time and is far more complex than regular art. It requires thought, which is a major part of art. So what is art exactly and how does it fit into the world? That is the question. It may take us centuries to answer it.

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