

Art in Your World

ArtTalk Chapter 1 Review

In this chapter review, you will:

- Define and identify the purpose of art.
- Compare and contrast sources to which artists turn for inspiration.
- Understand the language of art.
- Define the 3 basic properties, or features of an artwork.

What is Art?

- A work of art is the visual expression of an idea or experience.
- Any material used to create an art is called a **medium**. The plural form of medium is **media**.
- Visual art includes drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, architecture, photography, film-making, crafts, graphic arts, industrial & commercial design, video and computer arts.

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Edvard Munch had a tragic childhood. His mother died when was very young, and one of his sisters died when he was 14. The work *The Sick Child* was meant to remind viewers of personal family tragedies.



Edvard Munch. *The Sick Child*.
1907. Oil on canvas. 46 x 47.

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This is a Family Portrait of Charles the IV's family. The wealthy had artist's create paintings to record their social status.

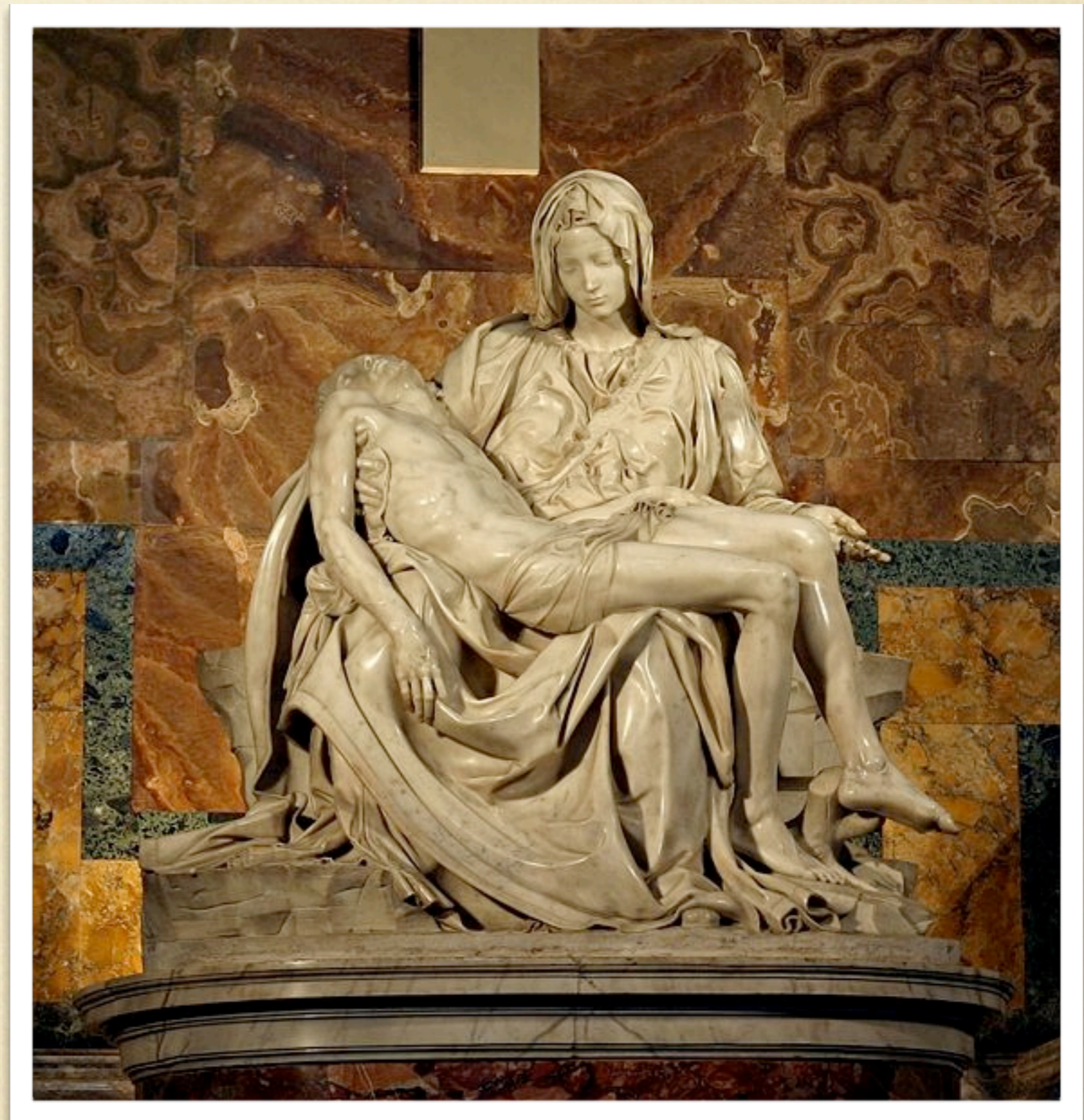


Francisco Goya. *Portrait of Charles the IV.*

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During the Middle Ages in Europe,
almost all art was created for the
Catholic Church.



Michelangelo. *Pieta*. 1499. Marble Sculpture

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- **Functional objects**

The chairs, table, light fixture, bowls are all examples of functional art.



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- Teach people

Portrait of Anne of Cleves, one of the wives of Henry VIII, shows what a royal person in the seventeenth century might have worn for special occasions.



Hans Holbein. *Anne of Cleves*. 1539. Tempera and Oil

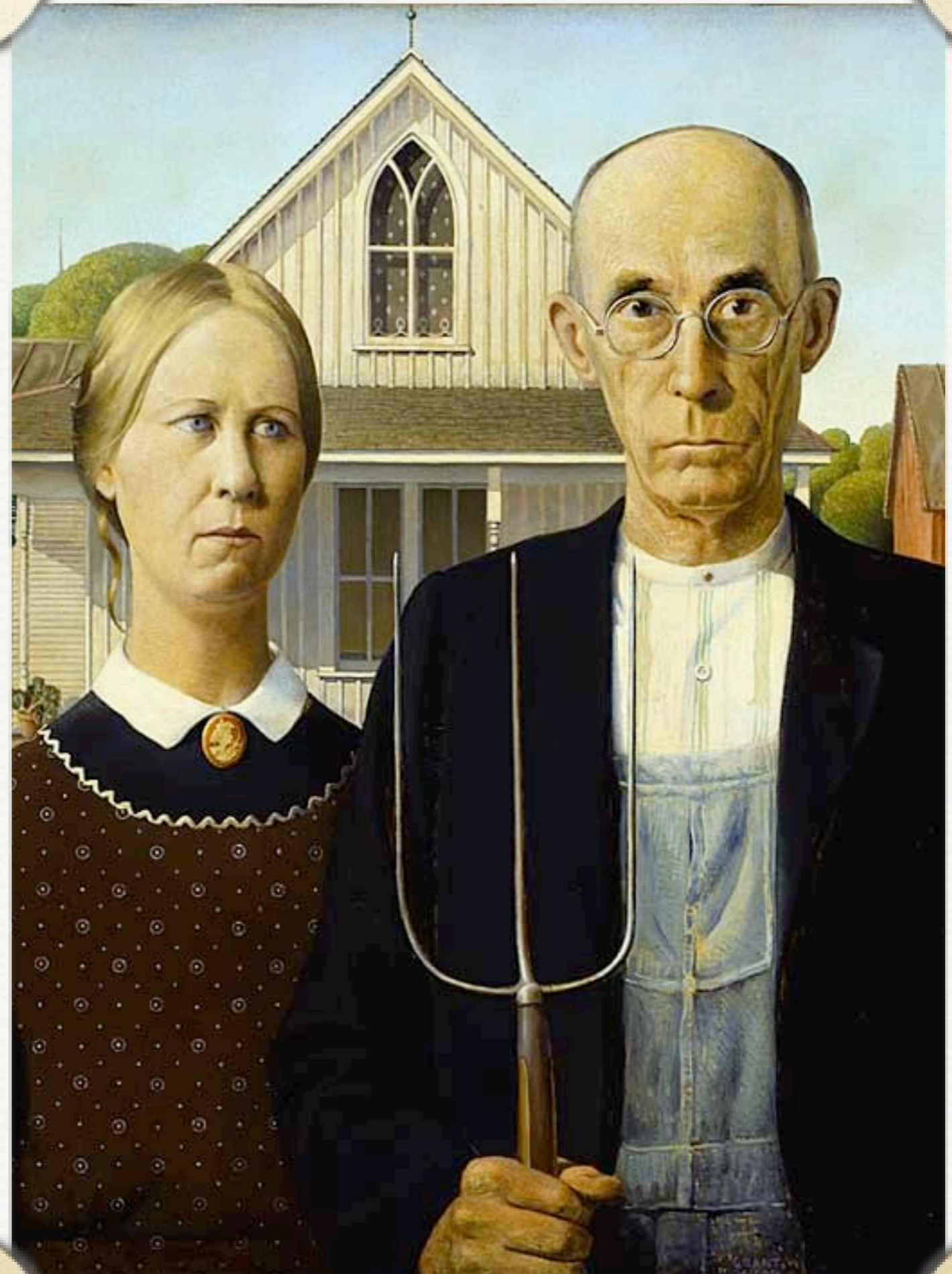
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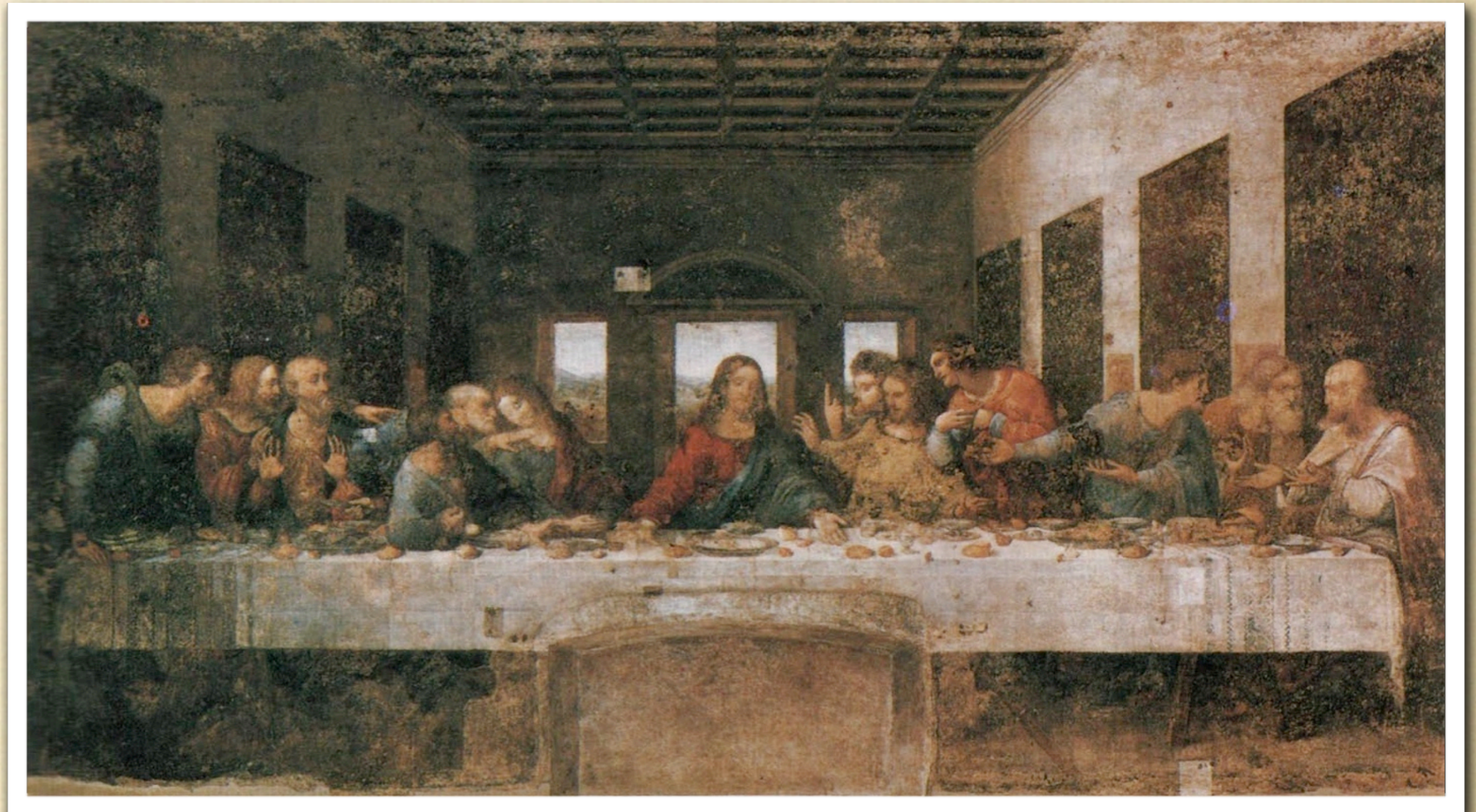
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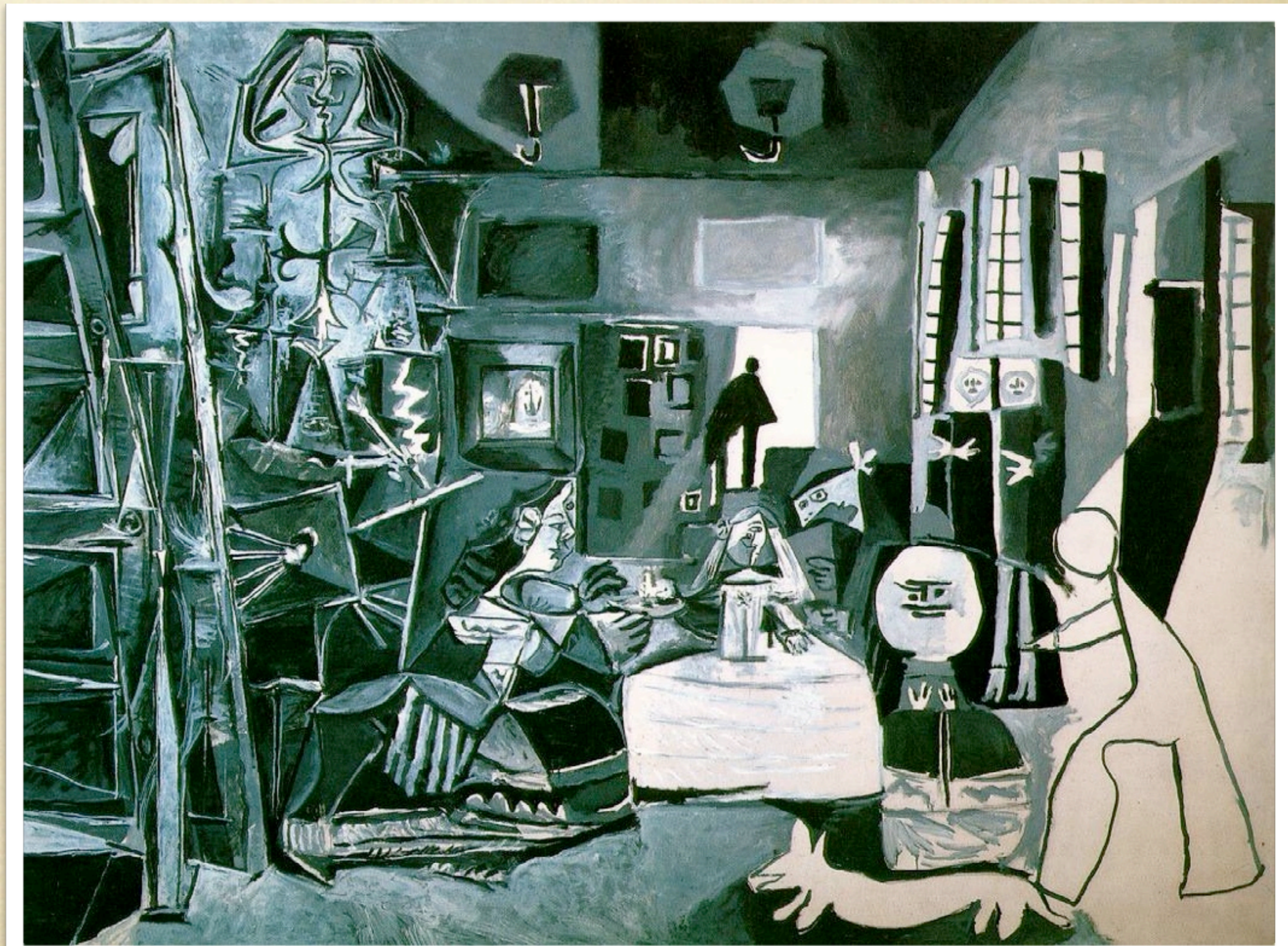
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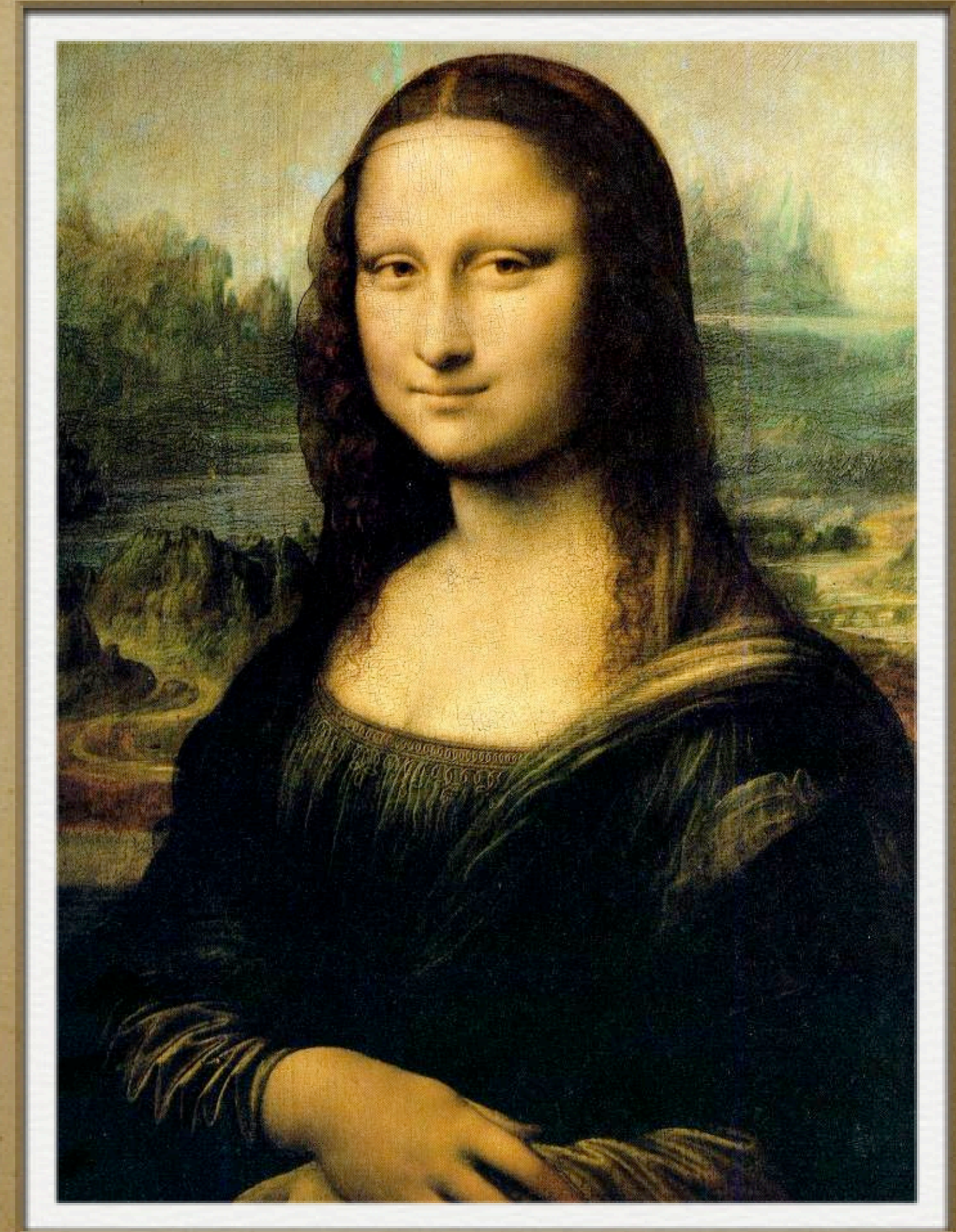
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- Commissioned by Individuals & Companies



The Language of Art

Elements and Principles
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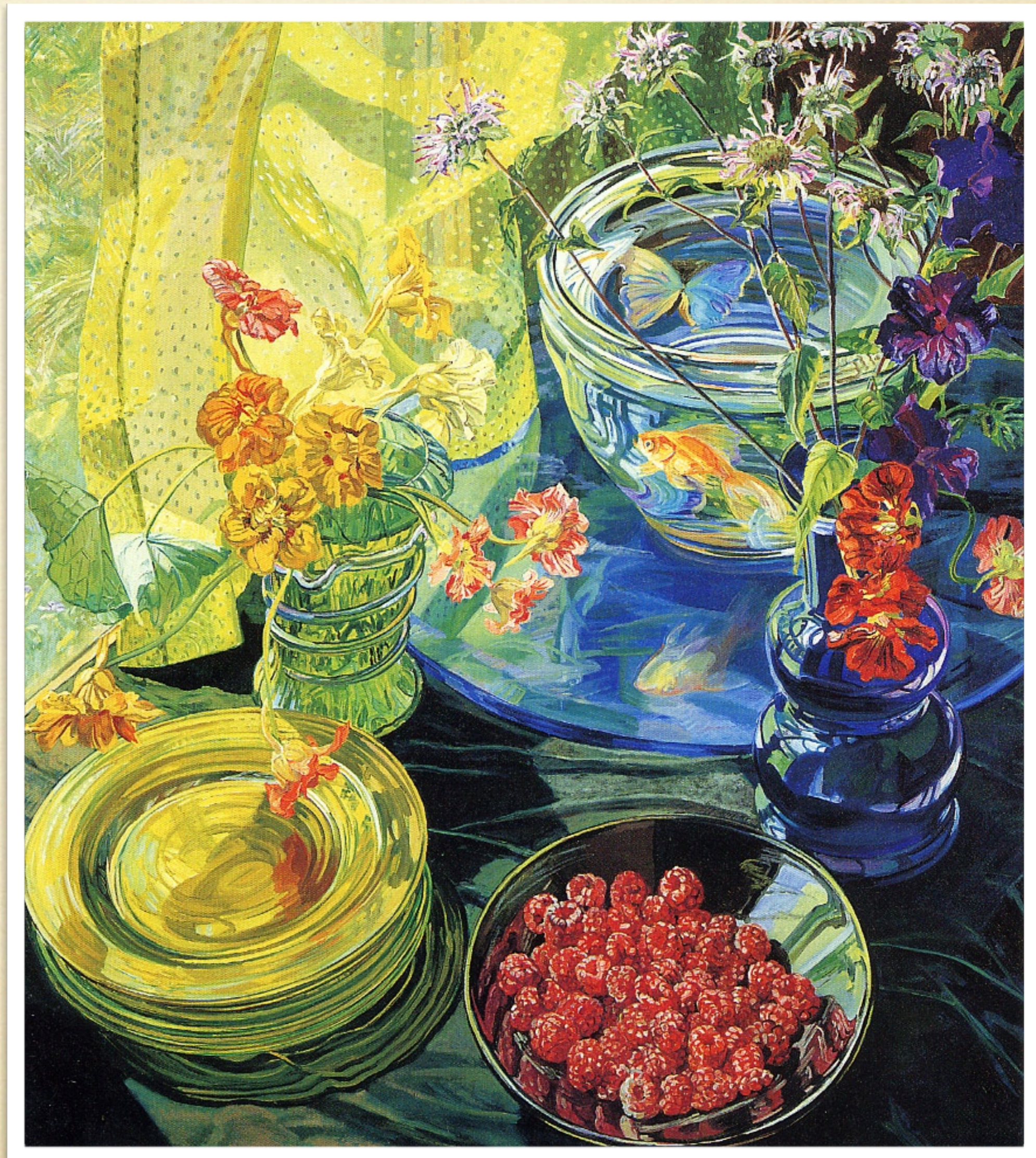


Elements and Principles of Art and Design

- The elements and principles of art and design are the building blocks used to create a work of art.
- The Elements (**tools**) can be thought of as the things that make up a painting, drawing, design, photograph, etc.
- The Principles (**rules**) can be thought of as what we do to the elements.

Elements

- Line
- Shape
- Form
- Space
- Color
- Value
- Texture



Elements

For example, when you look at this part of the painting you see a shiny, round bowl, outlined with a thin yellow line filled with bumpy, red raspberries.



Elements

However, rather than seeing the elements of **texture** (shiny and bumpy), **color** (red), **shape** (round), and **line** (thin and yellow) separately, you see the bowl of raspberries as a whole.

You visually “read” the elements together.



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- Subject - is the image or images the viewer can easily identify in a work of art.



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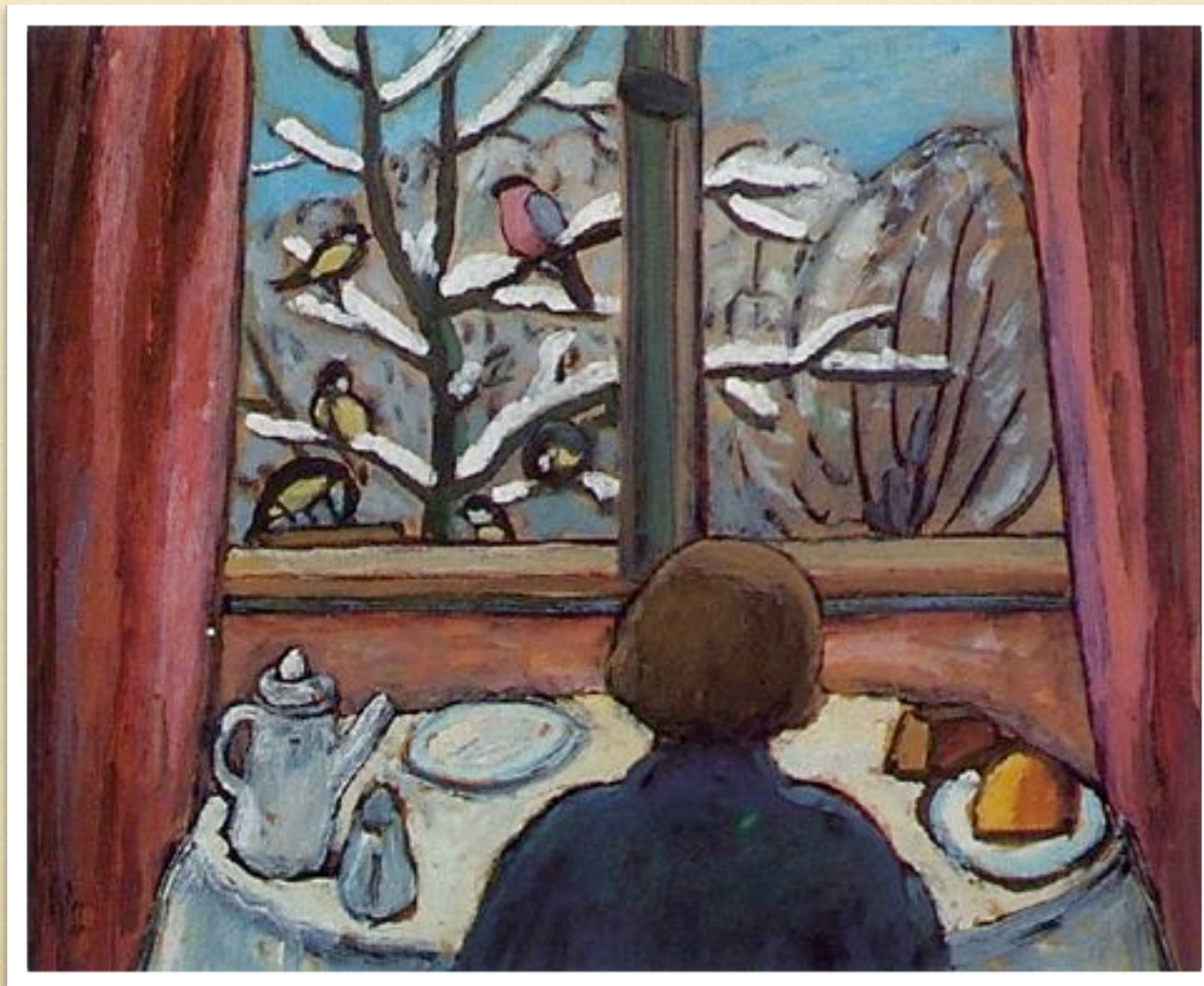
- Composition - is the way the principles of art are used to organize the elements of art.



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- Content - is the message the work communicates.



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Credit Lines

- Important facts located next to a work of art that will help you understand a work of art better.
- They include the artist name, title, year, date, medium, size and location of work.



Andy Warhol. Marilyn. 1964.
Silkscreen and oil on canvas. 40" x 40"