

Aesthetic Philosophies: Examining Meaning and Purpose

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Why is it important to
understand them?

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- **Formalism:**
- **Instrumentalism:**
- **Realism:**
- **Expressionism:**

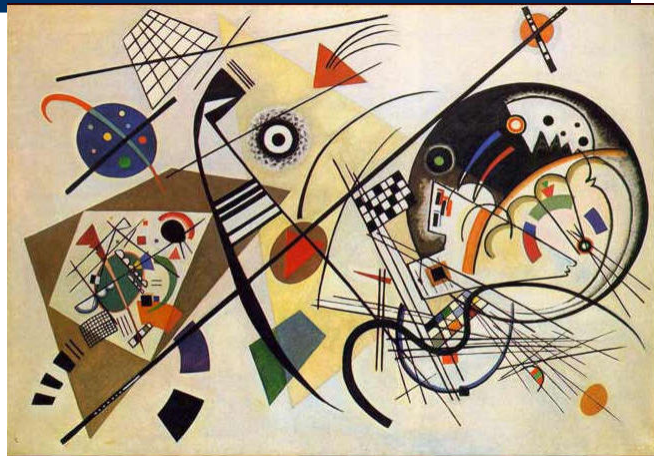
What are the visual characteristics?

What questions do these aesthetic philosophies pose about art?

- **Formalism:** What are the formal qualities of this art work?
The Formal qualities are the most important part of the art work- even more so than the subject matter. (elements and principles)
- **Instrumentalism:** What are the ideas the artist is expressing in this art work? What is the message?
Art with a message
- **Realism:** How has the artist captured reality in this piece?
Realistic subject matter or realistic sense of space and form- (proportion, perspective, depth)
- **Expressionism:** What mood or emotions are communicated in this piece? (color, texture, etc.)
Expression of mood and emotion bold bright colors and textures

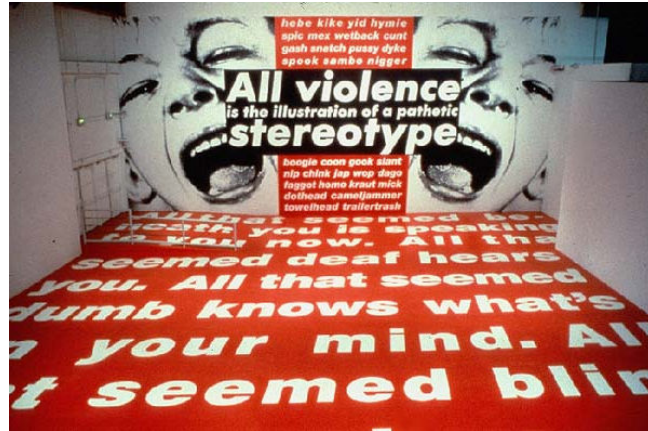
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Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944) *Transverse Line*, 1923



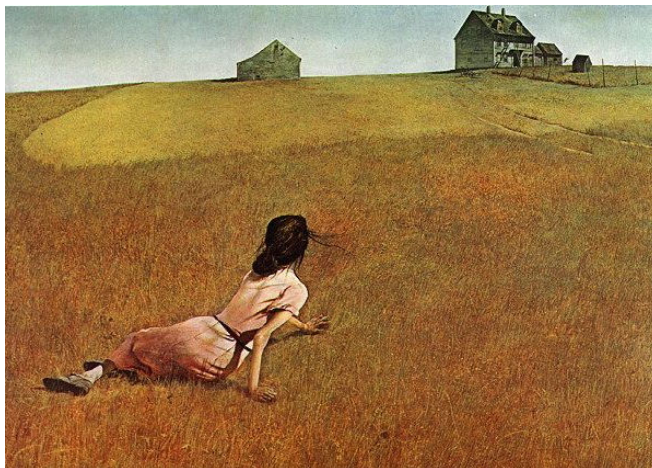
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Barbara Kruger 'All Violence is the Illustration of a Pathetic Stereotype'



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Andrew Wyeth 'Christina's World' 1948 Tempera 32 1/4 x 47 3/4 in.



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Edvard Munch

'The Scream'
1893