

UMass, Lowell
Art Appreciation
Spring 2009

PAPER GUIDELINES
*****The paper is due March 27*****

For this paper visit the Revolving Museum at 22 Shattuck Street, Lowell. Hours of opening: Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00-4:00. Admission is free.

The current exhibit, "Show and Tell," addresses narrative art. Walk through the exhibit and as you think about your paper, consider the following:

What is narrative art and what is its significance? (That is, what is the point of hosting an exhibition like this?) What type of examples do they use? What themes about narrative art does the exhibit draw out? What piece did you find the most interesting? Was it the story or the work of art itself that interested you?

Your paper should be five pages in length, typed, stapled, and proofread. I will NOT accept emailed copies of your paper.

Avoid Plagiarism:

Please do not plagiarize on this assignment. To avoid confusion about plagiarism, I have copied the text from the University of Massachusetts Lowell Undergraduate Catalog (p. 42):

[p]lagiarism is defined as 1) direct quotation or word-for-word copying of all or part of the work of another without identification or acknowledgement of the quoted work, 2) extensive use of acknowledged quotation from the work of others which is joined together by a few words or lines of one's own text, and 3) an abbreviated restatement of someone else's analysis or conclusion, however skillfully paraphrased, without acknowledgment that another person's text has been the basis for the recapitulation.

If you plagiarize you will fail the course.

Some hints on good writing:

Avoid Passive Voice:

Passive voice, forms of "to be," weaken your writing.

1. The tower *was tilting* because of the soft soil on which it *was being built*.

Fix: The tower tilted because they built it on soft soil.

2. The tower *was to be* closed

Fix: They closed the tower. OR: they wanted to close the tower.

Avoid Colloquial Language

"Colloquial" means you are using words and phrases that are too informal.

For example, "The idea of soil extraction was put into play...."

"A team of the best of the best got together...."