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Module 1 of Grade 11 Contemporary Philippine Arts from the Region is mainly about various contemporary art forms in their styles, technique and material used from the different regions. Focus on the identification of these different art forms through the given examples and discussion of these art forms. Engage and explore into the world of arts and manifest those skills and abilities into related activities as applied into the real world.

This module includes activities/ exercises that will help you identify various contemporary art forms and their practices.
PRETEST

Instruction: Write the letter of the best answer.

1. These are usually hanged on walls in an office as center piece. It is a painting that portrays pictures of actual images as seen in the real world. The human images are commonly used as subject of this painting throughout history up to the present.
   A. Oil       B. Figurative       C. Landscape       D. Abstract

2. Most familiar art forms among Filipinos from carving to molding of gods and heroes for a long time, but at present, through availability of varied materials and medium, technology and technique, it’s more flexible and expressive in making their art work. What is this?
   A. Painting     B. Architecture     C. Mixed Media     D. Sculpture

3. It is the easiest yet very creative technique in sculpture where in different materials (found, recycled, indigenous, etc.) gather together to form an artwork.
   A. Casting   B. Carving   C. Assembling   D. Molding

4. It is very rich in style and in high technology with the use of advanced materials, such as tube structure and the use of computer-aided design. Its style doesn’t have a recognizable feature for its style is quite varied for it is from different influences but there is typical feature for a contemporary house and building such as oversized windows and free shaped of frame. What is this?
   A. Installation     B. Architecture     C. Sculpture     D. Mixed Media

5. These are artworks done from mixed materials, any materials including commercial garbage. Artist may use their full freedom in choosing materials in a context to express views and opinion on issues around. What art are these?
   A. Mixed Media     B. Installation     C. Public     D. Architecture

6. It is an art done live to convey message in a limited time. There maybe group of performers or just one to perform on stage or on streets that shows on in acting, poetry, music, dance and painting to convey a campaign.
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8. In ancient times, ancestors did this for their gods and goddesses. It is a performing art that involves body movement in accord to the musical beat, for some use it as an expression of thoughts and feelings, releasing energy or simply joining with the beat of music or into dance movement itself.

A. Music  B. Dance  C. Theatre  D. Performance

9. Millennials do it often even on streets. It is a dance style that includes breaking, locking and popping. It is something made just happened or “freestyle” or spontaneous performance.

A. Folk  B. Disco  C. Hip-hop  D. Cheer

10. People can’t live without it nowadays and it is beyond words, it has the power to speak through people’s mind, heart and soul. It can affect the mood, way of thinking and even character and disposition of people listening to it.

A. Music  B. Theatre  C. Performance  D. Dance
Let’s begin!

Study the pictures below.

Answer the following:
1. What are these pictures all about?
2. Are they in the same art form?
3. Which of the pictures are of fine arts, visual art, performance, dance and music?

Let’s do this!

Given in the chart below are the sample artworks under different art forms. In your ¼ sheet of paper, write other examples of artworks in your locality under those different art forms. Write the location of the artwork, the material/ medium used in making the art work and its significance to you.
Answer the following:

1. How did you find the activity?
2. What artworks familiar and unfamiliar to you?
3. Which of these art forms mostly observed in our region?
Let’s explore!

Contemporary arts come in different forms: fine arts, visual arts and performing arts. Fine arts direct on contemporary painting, sculpture and architecture. Visual arts focus on installation art as New Media Art; Public Art, the art in outdoor space; Mixed media, which combines different art forms; Photography and Digital Works, the technology-aided art. Performing Arts tackles the art of Theatre and Performance arts, Dance and Music.

I. Contemporary Fine Arts

Contemporary Painting

It is the most popular among fine arts but it is also very hard to distinguish when a painting is contemporary? Aside from the fact that the artist must still alive at present, it is also through artwork that we can tell that it is contemporary; it must connect itself to the issues and concerns of the society, then it is contemporary. It comes in different types in genre and in material:

1. Landscape Painting is the most common among all types of painting by genre. These are painting of outdoor scenes. Most of the favorite subjects in this type of painting are: skies, mountains, river and even infrastructure like buildings, houses and many more that we usually see in our surroundings.
2. Abstract Painting is the most difficult among paintings for it demands a good background in drawing for the pre-planned concept of painting, and an overflowing passion in painting for this type is used by most artist as an avenue where they can express their boundless imagination. It let viewers to thinks deeper and aloe them to have their own interpretation.
3. Figurative Painting is a painting that portrays pictures of actual images as seen in the real world. The human images are commonly used as subject of this painting throughout history up to the present.
4. Watercolor Painting is considered to be one of the most primitive types of painting. It is familiarly used by beginners or by children in most of their activities in school. It is usually mixed with water and put it on paper.
5. Oil Painting is considered to be a great means to achieve a more convincing and realistic artwork. It is done on a canvas. Oil colors are made by mixing color powder with linseed oil to a stiff paste consistency and grinding it in a steel roller. Linseed oil is also known as flaxseed oil or flax oil.

Contemporary Sculpture

Most familiar art forms among Filipinos from carving to molding of gods and heroes for a long time, but at present, through availability of varied materials and medium, technology and technique, it gives freedom to sculptor to be more flexible and expressive in making their art work. Sculptural processes require artist's
physical strength and creativity in the use of materials such as: stone, wood, metal, wax, terracotta or clay and resin. Sculptors use four basic techniques:

1. Molding is an additive process where in material like clay is added to form the desired sculpture.
2. Carving is a subtractive process in which materials like wood, marble, stone or other hard material is removed or carved by cutting or chipping away to form an image. Glass sculpture is viewed to be unique and popular in the country. Ramon Orlina is now known as the "Father of Philippine Glass Sculpture".
3. Casting is a technique used to make the sculpture more durable and transferrable from one place to another without any breaking. It is made to last through material like resin, a liquid material that is usually poured out to form a smooth hard surface when dried, that is used as coating for holding of sculpture.
4. Assembling is the easiest yet very creative technique where in different materials (found, recycled, indigenous, etc.) gather together to form a sculpture. It is an additive process that uses adhesive or any material used for adhesion to put together all materials to form a sculpture.

Contemporary Architecture

The architecture of today is very rich in style and in high technology with the use of advanced materials, such as tube structure and the use of computer-aided design. Its style doesn’t have a recognizable feature for its style is quite varied for it is from different influences but there is typical feature for a contemporary house and building such as oversized windows and free shaped of frame. The following are the styles in contemporary architecture.

1. Environment- Friendly Architecture is a design that promotes environmental awareness through their style. Example, the building of Centrio Mall in Cagayan de Oro City, instead of uprooting the very big tree in the site, what they did was, they make the tree as their center piece of their mall, they integrate nature into the structure
2. Biomorphic Architecture is a design that is inspired by the features of a living thing such body parts of animals and human and even plants.

II. Contemporary Visual Arts

Installation Art

It is an art form that requires a suited site for transformation of spaces to a desired effect. They are created and installed only in the space intended for it in a certain period of time and are dismantled and some are burned after it served its purpose. Its purpose is more of awareness rather than a sale or profit. It is
composed of some other art forms like: painting, sculpture and even miniature architecture depending on the need for display. There different types of installation art:

1. Interactive installation art is an installation that allows viewers or spectators to interact with the installation piece. Viewers are encouraged to touch and give comment to an artwork.
2. Conceptual installation art is an installation that focuses on the idea or concept. The installation exhibited objects and events that will lead to a concept that the artist tried to show.
3. Technology-aided installation art is the use of technology in an installation art, like: the use of light, sound and computer application.
4. Performance Installation Art is an installation for theatre and dance which includes careful planning for the execution of movement of performers with the placement of materials, lights and sound.
5. Environmental installation art is an installation that shows environmental concerns. Some artists use this installation art to address to natural disasters and calamities.

**Public Art**

Commonly, these are monuments of heroes, public and religious figures but due to the challenges of advancement, artists expand their choice of materials and methods to meet the global competencies in public art. The following are the types of public art.

1. Commemorative monuments are monuments of people or group of people who are considered to be heroes in history.
2. Municipal art is usually sculptures located in front of government establishment and academic institutions to instill nationalism and serves as historical landmark to Filipinos and visitors and educate the young ones.
3. Community-based art refers to the community-based artistic activity with the use of different materials available in the area and interaction of people in the community and the artist. This usually based in deprive or remote areas often used as catalyst for change.
4. Land art are public art that interact with nature and the environment.
5. Campaign–inspired public art promotes idea by making the idea visible to everyone. It is usually set up at places where people are congested.
6. Architectural art are public art usually seen on malls or any enclosed concrete structures.
7. Design-based public art is decorative and is often placed in parks and in outside commercial centers. The design usually harmonizes with the surroundings and infrastructure around the location.
Mixed Media Art

These are artworks done from mixed materials, any materials including commercial garbage. Artist may use their full freedom in choosing materials in a context to express views and opinion on issues around. The two techniques used in mixed media are:

1. Collage is a technique when cut out materials, cloth, string and many others, are pasted on a flat surface that turn into a creative artwork.
2. Assemblage is a technique of putting objects together by welding or adhesion in a new concept

Photography


1. Photography and Reality is a photography that depicts reality. Most of its photographs depict true happenings or really exists in reality.
2. Nature Photography are photographs of nature, landscape and places we might not encounter in our lifetime.
3. Photojournalism is a combination of photography and journalism. Pictures are used to help the readers, view what is being narrated, like in many newspapers and magazines.
4. Photographic Alteration the use of photographic devise to alter or edit images and add what is being desired in just one touch.
5. Mobile Photography is photographs taken by a mobile phone.

III. Contemporary Performing Arts

Theatre and Performance Arts

Performance Arts is an art done live to convey message in a limited time. There maybe group of performers or just one to perform on stage or on streets that shows on in acting, poetry, music, dance and painting to covey a campaign. Performance may be scripted, just like theatre or unscripted, spontaneous or planned, with or without participation of audience.

Theatre Art is an art that requires actors and actresses to connect to the audience to let them experience a real or imagined event through combination of gesture, speech, song, music and dance, commonly done on stage and are scripted. There are styles that is commonly seen in Philippine Theatre, and these are: Realism, Combination of Realistic and Non-realistic styles, The Brechtian Style, Musical Performances, Documentary Styles, Short Plays
1. Realism is a style that shows actual situations that Filipinos are in, focuses on the problems and the reaction to socio-economic-political issues encountered.
2. Combination of Realistic and Non-realistic styles is a style that combines realistic and non-realistic style.
3. The Brechtian style is a style brought by German playwright, Bertolt Brecht. He used devices to tell the audience that it’s just a theatre not true to life. It’s a style that promotes audience’s reflective detachment and not emotional involvement.
4. Musical Performances is a theatre art that uses music in expression of arts. The issues of tempo, dynamics, pitches and instrumentation are on a performer’s option.
5. Documentary Style are plays dealing with historical events and life story of a person.
6. Short Plays are skits used by starter before jumping into something big. Usually used by students and teachers as an activity to hook the interest of the student in a new lesson.

**Contemporary Dance**

Contemporary dance is a performing art that involves body movement in accord to the musical beat, for some use it as an expression of thoughts and feelings, releasing energy or simply joining with the beat of music or into dance movement itself. The contemporary dance styles that have been popular in the Philippines were disco and hip hop.

1. Disco Dancing is a dance style characterized by movement of the hip and pelvic, some will jump together with the raising of arms to the beat of the disco music. Its music is a continuous mix of disco songs operated by the Disc Jockey.
2. Hip hop is a dance style that includes breaking, locking and popping. It is something made just happened or “freestyle” or spontaneous performance.

**Contemporary Music**

Music is beyond words, it has the power to speak through people’s mind, heart and soul. It can affect the mood, way of thinking and even character and disposition of people listening to it. Music composition is a little bit complex for it involves mastery and skill to produce a melody. Some musician developed music through experimentation and combination of instruments.

There are famous contemporary OPM singers, and they are Freddie Aguilar, Gary Valenciano, Mike Hanopol, Kuh Ledesma and Sharon Cuneta and many more.
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Check yourself!

1. What are the different contemporary art forms?
2. Are these art forms practiced in the region?
3. Can you identify these art forms?
4. Do you think you can easily identify them?

Let’s do the quest!

Write on the blank the art forms and related matters being described

_________________ 1. These are painting of outdoor scenes.
_________________ 2. It is the most popular among fine arts.
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_________________ 15. These are artworks done from mixed materials, any materials including commercial garbage.

Let’s check your understanding!

Complete the following sentences:

1. The four basic techniques in sculpture are?

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2. Installation art comes in different types, and these are:

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3. Public art may be:
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4. The different types of photography are?
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5. Contemporary dance is a performing art that involves:
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6. Some singers famous for OPM artists are?
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7. These are styles commonly seen in Philippine theater
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8. One of the techniques of mixed media art is collage where materials are:
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9. The different styles in architecture are:
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10. Painting comes in different types, these are?
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How was it?

Pusoan Mo Slip

Here’s how!

In your ½ crosswise, write a heart on the topic, you clearly understand and enjoyed and thumbs up on the topic very essential to you and a smiley on the topic, you found very interesting to know.

Post Test

Instruction: Write the letter of the best answer

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ANSWER KEY:

IDENTIFICATION

Complete the sentence
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PRETEST

POST TEST
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