

PAINT AND SUFFERING: ARTISTS AND THEIR ILLNESSES ACLT6238

Course Outline – Online

Description:

Some of the most treasured works of art have come from the hands and minds of artists who have experienced significant psychological and/or physical illnesses. We will explore the effects of these illnesses, and how they have contributed to the legacies of Vincent van Gogh, Toulouse-Lautrec, Edvard Munch, Frida Kahlo, Canadian Maud Lewis, and many more artistic figures.

Course Goals:

- For the student to appreciate the way in which artists' physical and mental illnesses have often dictated their personal and artistic lives
- For the student to think about whether suffering actually contributes to or hinders artists' creativity

Course Objectives: At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Generally identify the artistic styles of various artists
- Have a greater understanding of how physical and mental illness can affect the lives and artistic production of various artists
- Consider how issues of gender play a role in the perception of artists and their illnesses

Texts: N/A

Attendance Requirements:

Students must miss no more than two classes to receive a completion for this course. A grade report can be printed from myWCS.

Code of Student Conduct:

The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at Western University, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed, and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For the complete Code of Student Conduct: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>.

Course Schedule:

WEEK 1:	Vincent van Gogh (Dutch)	(1853-90)
	Henri Toulouse-Lautrec (French)	(1864-1901)
WEEK 2:	Edvard Munch (Norwegian)	(1863-1944)
	Chaim Soutine (Lithuanian)	(1893-1943)

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WEEK 3:	Frida Kahlo (Mexican) Jo Spense (American) Hannah Wilke (American) Orlan (French)	(1907-54) (1934-92) (1940-93) (b. 1947)
WEEK 4:	Jackson Pollock (American)	(1912-56)
WEEK 5:	Maud Lewis (Canadian) Alice Neel (American)	(1903-70) (1900-84)
WEEK 6:	Eva Hesse (German/American) Diane Arbus (American)	(1936-70) (1923-71)