

Mythology

Traditional, Modern, Contemporary

In Western culture (e.g., European and American), there are three different words which are commonly used to describe art to help people understand when it was made.

Traditional art was made a long time ago (before approximately 1750), Modern art was made approximately between 1750 and 1970, and Contemporary art is anything



traditional



modern



contemporary



Background

Midground

Foreground

Composition and perspective

Some artists create **perspective** (the illusion of depth) in their paintings by painting the details in the background smaller and less detailed so that they appear further away.

perspective

The way a 2D (flat) image looks 3D (deep).