

Learning Places Fall 2018

# SITE REPORT #2B

Based on your observations at the Brooklyn Museum, **develop a complex research question** about the relationship between 1 piece of art that you viewed and a social or political issue.

Remember, your research question should be specific and researchable.

## **Research Question:**

In the Brooklyn Museum there was a display called *Vanity with Mirror and Stool*, how is considered art representing the change the role of women as a social change?

**Find 2 sources.** \*For this report, one of your sources MUST be an academic journal article. Your other source can be a news article, internet source, or book.

**1 source** should have to do with the **artwork, artist, artistic style, or some element of the work** you chose. For example, if you were interested in learning more about realistic photography depicting women engaged in domestic activities, you might search for sources about “domestic imagery AND photography” or “realistic photography” rather than sources about the specific artist.

**1 source** should be about the **social / political issue** that is articulated in your research question. This source may or may not have to do with art.

## **Write an MLA citation for each source:**

**Source 1:** "Modern Art." *Encyclopedia of Identity*, edited by Ronald L. Jackson, vol. 1, SAGE Reference, 2010, pp. 467-475. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, [http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/CX1700600166/GVRL?u=cuny\\_nytc&sid=GVRL&xid=e7814422](http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/CX1700600166/GVRL?u=cuny_nytc&sid=GVRL&xid=e7814422). Accessed 31 Oct. 2018.

**Source 2:** Edsall, Thomas B. “The Gender War, 2018 Edition.” *New York Times*, 25 Oct. 2018, <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/25/opinion/gender-gap-midterms-2018.html>. Accessed 30 October 2018.

Describe the process you used to find these sources including any **keywords** and the **specific search engine or tool** you used to search.

At first it was difficult to find all the keywords together. I went through the Academic Search to search modern art and women. I found some articles but it was

focused on answering my question. Then I used the modern art and social issues to find more articles to answer my question. When I went to research my social issue which stated out with searching women roles. I received too much articles. The gender topic is a very hot subject since the #MeToo release, which was provided a lot of new articles; however, it was not connecting to my question. I found the articles I wanted when I focused on one source which was the New Times, which is reputable newspaper company. I searched gender roles in society. I wanted to find an article that focused on how gender role was changing and how it triggered an uproar in our society.

In a sentence or 2, describe the main point of each source. Then consider: how do these sources address all or part of your research question?

**Source 1:** I felt that this source defined modern art and how it was utilized to describe our changing lives. It used to black and white, then life changed when the factory jobs were taken over by machines thus causing people to search for new job opportunities.

**Source 2:** The article I found addressed how society changed when women started to work or became empowered. It shifted of how we defined what our gender roles were since it used to be the women stated at home and the men worked.

Describe ways the two sources you chose are similar and different. Would it be difficult to integrate these two sources into a single writing assignment? Why or why not?

The two sources I felt would not be difficult to integrated into one assignment since they go hand in hand. Modern art was art style that presented social as well as political issues in a creative way. Yes, we can read about our problems of the world, but art visually displays an idea that makes you think about the hidden meaning. I believe that modern art painted a picture about how gender roles changed when women wanted to go to work to support the household just like the men. It this new idea like modern art and it made people accept it or disagree with. It was a talking point whether it was modern art or what defines our gender roles.

What other sources or further information would you need to answer your question? Where would you look for that information?

I would like to use other forms of media like YouTube videos that are documentaries of the movement when women became more outspoken causing the shift in society.