ARTH 1103 Survey of Art Professor Sandra Cheng Fall 2011 Atrium 631

Narrative Art Assignment The 4-Icon Challenge

Due by class **Thursday**, **Dec 1**st.

Narrative Art is art that tells a story. You have encountered many examples of narrative art over the course of this semester. In this assignment, you are asked to reduce the storyline of a work of art to its basic elements. For example, for the *Victory Stele of Naram-Sin*, the basic elements might be "ruler, mountain, soldiers, the conquered." Next, take these basic elements and reduce them further to simple icons.

In Icon Form, the Victory Stele of Naram-Sin might look like this:



Choose any example of narrative art from your textbook to work on. You can make your own icons or find ones on the web as I did for the example above.

This assignment is modeled on the 4-icon challenge by the graphic designer Kyle Tezak. Take a look at how Tezak reduces his favorite books and movies to 4 icons at http://kyletezak.com/portfolio/the-four-icon-challenge/.

You may submit your assignment on paper, as a blog post, or via email by Thursday, December 1st.