

**Narrative Art Assignment
The 4-Icon Challenge**

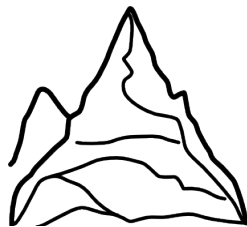
Due November 11, 2019 by midnight

Presentations during class on November 18, 2019

Narrative Art is art that tells a story. You have encountered 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.

Tell the story of a work of art using only icons. An icon is a graphic representation of an object, person or idea. Do not use photographs because photos are not icons. For example, for the Akkadian work of art, 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 like the following.

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



Paper Instructions

For this paper you need to submit 2 files: a document file and a Powerpoint file for your presentation

1. Choose any example of narrative art from your textbook to work on. Your example **must be a work of art: painting, sculpture, print, etc.** You can make your own icons or find ones on the web as I did for the example above.
2. Write a 250-word paragraph explaining your choice of icons to represent the narrative in your work of art.
3. File #1: Submit a doc/docx or pdf of your icons with your explanatory paragraph
4. File #2: Submit a Powerpoint file of your presentation file. Your presentation file must include 3 slides
 - a. Slide #1: Your name
 - b. Slide #2: An image of your work of art with artist's name, title of work, date
 - c. Slide #3: Your 4 icons, no caption necessary

- i. Do not write on slide #3, your icons should be self-explanatory

Day of Presentation Instructions:

1. During class, you will have 2 minutes to show your presentation file. *I will have it queued up for you.*
2. During your presentation, introduction yourself, your work of art, and your icons.

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/>. *Please remember that you must reduce a work of art to 4 icons, do not begin with a book nor a movie.*

Please submit your assignment on Blackboard by midnight on Monday, Nov 11th.