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When you think of modern art and when it comes to understanding modern art you can sometimes find yourself confused. Modernism and postmodernism are both complex and have various branches. Modernism and Postmodernism are two different movements that exhibit specific differences between them. Each one is based on changes in cultural and social behavior around the world. They started in distant periods beginning from the 19th and 20th centuries. These movements came as a result of the thinking patterns of the society during those times.

Modernism relates to a sequence of cultural movements that happened in the late nineteenth and the early twentieth centuries. They included reforming developments in architecture, art, music, literature, and applied techniques. Modernism flourished between the 860s and 1940s; preferably till 1945 when World War II ended. During that time, a lot of importance was given to literary works. Also, this movement paid a lot of significance to original works, such as paintings, sculpture, architecture, and poetry. In fact, during this time original art was considered a primary creation.

Postmodernism describes a broad movement that developed in the late 20th-century and focused on philosophy, the arts, architecture, and criticism which marked a departure from modernism. In fact, postmodernism is typically defined by an attitude of skepticism, irony or rejection towards ideologies and various tenets of universalism, which included objective notions of reason, human nature, social progress, among others. Moreover, this movement is associated with schools of thought such as deconstruction and poststructuralism.

Analog art is any art where the material making the art is manipulated by hand, like paint. You can control any portion of it. Painting, sculpture, printmaking from ink and film photography are considered analog. These are the traditional fine arts, made from tangible materials that are manipulated by hand or with simple tools. Digital consists of many individual pieces of electronic information such as pixels, in the case of digital photography which cannot be further broken down. Online art and digital photography are digital art forms. More and more artists are incorporating the web either to make their art or distribute it. Some artworks now only exist as online entities, and have no physical presence except for what you see on the computer screen.

Sometimes digital and analog forms are combined in the creation of a work. For example, a painting done in acrylic is scanned electronically, rendering a digital image, which can be manipulated with a photo editing program. A high-quality giclee print of the painting can then be printed from a digital image. Some giclee prints are printed onto primed canvas to recreate the look of the original painting. Many artists use computer tools to either capture or create images which are then produced in analog form.