

□ Words and Images

- Rene Magritte painted The Treason of Images.



- Print translates to say “this is not a pipe”
- Sacred texts are almost always decorated with designs that aim to be visually compelling but not representational.
 - o Iconoclasts - image breakers

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□ Describing the World

- Representational
 - o Work of art that portrays natural objects in recognizable form.
 - o Realism more real life
 - o Abstraction less that real world
 - o Sublime if it captured a immensity large that it could hardly be comprehended by imagination.
 - o Naturalism is a brand of representation in which the artist retains apparently realistic elements.
 - The Rocky Mountains by Albert Bierstadt



- o More abstract realism is represented by Sesshu Toyo's Haboku Landscape for Soen.



- Abstract
- Nonrepresentational

Meaning in Nonrepresentational Art

- Nonobjective or nonrepresentational works of art do not refer to the natural or objective world at all
- Form is the overall structure of a work of art.
- Content which is what the work of art expresses or means.
- Malevich's painting is really about the relation between the black rectangle the blue triangle, and the white ground behind them.



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□ Iconography

- Cultural conventions are often carried forward from one generation to the next by the means of iconography, a system of visual images the meaning of which is widely understood by a given culture of cultural group.
- Symbols are visual images that represent something more than their literal meaning.
 - Giovanni Arnolfini and His wife Giovanna Cenami painted by Jan Van Eyck.



- Its repertoire of visual images was well-understood, but today, much of its meaning is lost to the average viewer.
- This painting includes many different symbolisms.