

GCSE and A Level Art and Design: Contextual References



Introduction

These contextual references are provided to support teachers and students when working on either Component 1 Personal Portfolio (GCSE) and Personal Investigation (A level), or Component 2 Externally Set Assignment. The contextual references have been organised into general references and by title to help teachers and students target specialisms. However, this is not meant to discourage students from being stimulated by a wide range of visual stimuli regardless of their chosen title. For example, a photography student might benefit hugely from looking at and understanding the way painters or sculptors have made their art. Students should always be encouraged to research a wide range of references to help move their work forward. Please note that many of the primary references in the Fine Art section such as the Victoria and Albert Museum and the British Museum hold collections that cover all the titles. For the sake of clarity, they have not been repeated under the separate title sections. For example, the Victoria and Albert Museum holds a wealth of textiles.

It is important to note that Component 2, the Externally Set Assignment, will no longer include lists of additional references so teachers and students should use those provided here as appropriate when responding to the theme.

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General

http://www.britishmuseum.org	The British Museum houses a vast collection of world art and artefacts.
http://www.tate.org.uk	The Tate holds the national collection of British art from 1500 to the present day as well as international modern and contemporary art.
http://www.npg.org.uk	The National Portrait Gallery showcases the world's most extensive collection of portraits.
http://www.vam.ac.uk	The Victoria and Albert Museum in London promotes the practice of design, and knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the designed world.
https://www.saatchiart.com/	The Saatchi Gallery is an innovative forum for contemporary art, presenting work by largely unseen young artists or international artists whose work has rarely or never been exhibited in the UK.
http://www.guggenheim.org	The Guggenheim Museum showcases a collection of early modern masterpieces.
https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en	800 years of Dutch Art.
https://www.museodelprado.es/	Spanish artists and varied collections.
https://cycladic.gr/en	Archaic Greek art collections.
https://tmora.org/	The Museum of Russian Art is an independent American organisation, incorporating Russian artists and collections.
https://www.mnba.gob.cl/	South American art and artists.
https://asia.si.edu/	Asian art artefacts and art collections.
https://mia.org.qa/en/	Islamic art and collections.
https://nga.gov.au/	Australian art and collections.
https://www.smk.dk/	Danish art and collections.
https://listasafnreykjavikur.is/en	Icelandic art and collections.

http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk	The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge houses diverse and varied collections.
http://africa.si.edu/	The National Museum of African Art aims to inspire conversations about the beauty, power and diversity of African arts and cultures.
http://www.nationalmuseumindia.gov.in	The National Museum in New Delhi, India showcases a collection of objects of historical, cultural and artistic significance.
http://mandelartgallery.com.au/	The Mandel Art Gallery showcases a display of contemporary and traditional Aboriginal artworks.
http://www.asianart.org	The Asian Art Museum, San Francisco aims to encourage people to discover 'the unique material, aesthetic, and intellectual achievements of Asian art and culture'.
https://www.mplus.org.hk/en/exhibitions/	The M+ Collection brings together design and architecture, moving image, and visual art works from Hong Kong, mainland China, elsewhere in Asia, and beyond.
https://www.wikiart.org/	A comprehensive online base of art from around the world.
http://www.art2day.co.uk	A website giving easy access to the work of contemporary artists from around the world.
http://www.victoriagal.org.uk	Victoria Art Gallery in Bath houses a collection of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts.
https://iniva.org/	The Institute of International Visual Arts, centring Global Majority, African, Asian, and Caribbean diaspora perspectives.
https://www.gallevery.com/	The Gallery of Everything, dedicated to artists and makers beyond the cultural mainstream.
https://smarthistory.org/	Commitment to an inclusive and equitable art history.

https://nmaahc.si.edu/	The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.
https://www.thisiscoossal.com/	A site for art, craft and design. Online art magazine showing contemporary art and ways of working.
https://www.theherbert.org	Coventry-based gallery showcasing art, archeology and natural history and photography. Wide range of artists from different ethnicities and backgrounds.
https://www.si.edu/	Smithsonian online has a range of art and design resources/products to look at from archives.
https://thenewartgallerywalsall.org.uk	Gallery site presenting modern and contemporary art in a variety of innovative and challenging ways.
https://www.comptonverney.org.uk/art/	Gallery site showcasing a collection of folk art, paintings, Chinese, northern Europe and Italian art, including both traditional and contemporary art.

Fine Art

http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk	The National Gallery in London houses one of the greatest collections of paintings in the world.
http://www.royalacademy.org.uk	The Royal Academy of Arts in London aims to promote not just the appreciation and understanding of art, but also its practice.
http://www.wallacecollection.org	The Wallace Collection in London showcases displays of French 18th- century painting, furniture and porcelain with Old Master paintings and an armoury.
http://www.wildlifeart.org	The National Museum of Wildlife Art features more than 550 artists and over 5,000 catalogued items. Dating from 2500 BCE to the present, the collection chronicles much of the history of wildlife in art.
https://www.tafeta.com/	A gallery that specialises in African art.
http://www.louvre.fr	The Louvre Gallery Museum in Paris showcases western artworks from the Middle Ages to 1848, as well as the art of the ancient civilisations that influenced them
http://www.centrepompidou.fr	The Centre Pompidou in Paris is the largest museum of modern art in Europe, and one of the most renowned in the world.
https://www.musee-orsay.fr/en	Musée d'Orsay in Paris houses the largest collection of impressionist and post-impressionist masterpieces in the world by painters including Monet, Manet, Degas, Renoir, Cézanne, Seurat, Sisley, Gauguin and Van Gogh.
https://experimenter.in/artists/	A diverse list of artists represented by Experimenter in Kolkata, India.
http://www.nationalgalleries.org	The National Galleries of Scotland's permanent collection dates from the early Renaissance to the present day.
http://www.thebricklanegallery.com	The Brick Lane Gallery in London showcases eclectic displays of contemporary art by British and international emerging or established artists.

http://www.mallgalleries.org.uk	Mall Galleries in London provides a national focal point for contemporary figurative art.
https://www.re-printmakers.com/history-and-diploma-collection/	The Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers showcases the work of contemporary printmakers and that of key historical printmakers, including Graham Sutherland, Edward Bawden and Michael Rothenstein.
https://afikaris.com/	AFIKARIS is an art gallery dedicated to the promotion of artists from Africa.
https://www.goodman-gallery.com/	The Goodman Gallery opened its doors to artists of all races during South Africa's apartheid years, becoming one of the first spaces in the world to exhibit artists who are gaining recognition as pioneers of 20th Century African Art.
https://whitecube.com/	Contemporary collections.
https://www.modernartoxford.org.uk/	Contemporary artists and exhibitions.
https://www.flowersgallery.com/exhibitions/	Contemporary art and artists.
https://sculpture-network.org/en/	The Sculpture network showcases hundreds of sculptures in a wide variety of media.
http://www.soane.org	Sir John Soane's Museum showcases a collection of sculpture, architectural models, furniture, and paintings.
https://ysp.org.uk	The Yorkshire Sculpture Park is an exhibition sites for sculpture.
https://www.uffizi.it/en/the-uffizi	The Uffizi Gallery Museum in Florence is one of the most famous museums in the world. It showcases unique artworks and masterpieces, most of which are from the Renaissance period.
https://fact.co.uk	FACT Liverpool is a leading organisation for the support and exhibition of art, film and new media.
https://artsandculture.google.com/project/the-fourth-plinth	Featuring artwork of the Fourth Plinth, Trafalgar Square, London.

https://addisfineart.com/artists/	Contemporary art from the Horn of Africa and Diaspora.
https://baltic.art	Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art.
https://www.serpentinegalleries.org/	Contemporary art gallery with a year-round programme taking place across two galleries, in the park and online.
https://nmwa.org/	The National Museum of Women in the Arts advocates for better representation of women artists.
https://www.grosvenorgallery.com/	Grosvenor Gallery will continue to focus on showing the best modern and contemporary Art from South Asia.
https://www.desarthe.com/exhibitions	DE SARTHE is a pioneering platform for contemporary art from Asia.
https://www.biennial.com/	Liverpool Biennial is the UK's largest free festival of contemporary visual art.
https://www.whitechapelgallery.org/	The Whitechapel Gallery has showcased art from across the globe, including China, Brazil and the Islamic World. The Gallery is equally committed to supporting local artists and communities.
https://camdenartcentre.org/	A contemporary art gallery which hosts temporary exhibitions and educational projects.
https://www.victoria-miro.com/	The Victoria Miro Gallery represents some of the most respected icons and thought leaders in the art industry.
https://www.artsy.net/	A website showing a strong range of modern and contemporary artworks.
https://casildart.com/	Gallery site showcasing contemporary black art from the UK and African Diaspora.
https://www.theartstory.org/	A good site for artist research, timelines and key pieces of work. A focus on modern artists rather than contemporary.

Graphic Communication

https://www.ucreative.com/inspiration/20-graphic-designers-for-your-inspiration	A list of 20 notable graphic designers plus examples of their work.
http://www.famousgraphicdesigners.org	A comprehensive list of graphic designers.
http://www.illustrationweb.com/artists	A list of illustrators and examples of their work.
https://www.behance.net/galleries/graphic-design/packaging	This website showcases packaging design.
https://museumofbrands.com/	A journey through 200 years of consumer culture.
https://www.designweek.co.uk/landing-page/exhibition-design/	Information about the National Design Awards including branding, graphic design and exhibition design.
https://societyillustrators.org/	Collections, illustrators, cartoons.
https://www.cartoonmuseum.org/	Cartoon museum with illustration collections.
https://kyotomm.jp/en/	Manga and other Japanese illustration collections.
http://www.creativebloq.com	A website giving creative tips and inspiration across web design, graphic design, three-dimensional design and more.
https://theartling.com/en/artzine/typography-art-artists/	The Art of Typography.
https://www.printmag.com/categories/typography/	A diverse archive of typeface design.
https://houseofswitzerland.org/swissstories/society/swiss-new-style	Swiss Style, also known as the International Style – innovative design.
https://eyeondesign.aiga.org/	AIGA – the professional association for design.
https://fontsinuse.com/	Independent archive of typography.
https://www.idea-mag.com/en/	IDEA is a quarterly magazine that focuses on graphic design and typography.

https://thedesignest.net/category/design/	A professional Graphic Design blog.
https://www.direktorenhaus.com/	A design museum with a collaborative for international illustrators.
https://posterhouse.org/	Poster House is the first museum in the USA dedicated exclusively to poster designs.
https://www.dandad.org/	A website showcasing advertising, packaging, and font advertising campaigns.
https://www.americansignmuseum.org/collection/	Shows a range of signs and communication/font products.
https://www.itsnicethat.com/search?tags=Graphic+Design	Showcasing contemporary graphics, packaging and design.

Three-Dimensional Design

http://www.designmuseum.org	The Design Museum is devoted to contemporary design from architecture and fashion to graphics, product and industrial design.
http://www.henry-moore.org	The Henry Moore Foundation is a registered charity founded by the artist in 1977 to encourage public appreciation of the visual arts and, in particular, the works of Henry Moore.
https://sculptors.org.uk/	The Royal British Society of Sculptors is committed to the pursuit of excellence in sculpture. It aims to inspire, inform and engage people with sculpture/threedimensional art.
http://www.soane.org	Sir John Soane's Museum showcases an extraordinary collection of sculpture, architectural models, furniture and paintings.
https://ysp.org.uk/	The Yorkshire Sculpture Park is considered to be one of the finest exhibition sites for sculpture in the world.
http://www.romanbaths.co.uk	The Roman Baths collection contains thousands of archaeological finds from pre-Roman and Roman Britain.
https://www.cooperhewitt.org/	Product design collections
https://www.chi-athenaeum.org/	Wide range of collections featuring industrial design and architecture
http://www.museumofarchitecture.org	The Museum of Architecture is a charity dedicated to stimulating growth in the architectural industry. The website showcases many new architectural works.
https://nla.london/	This website showcases new London architecture.
https://collections.craftscouncil.org.uk	The Crafts Council collection of over 1,600 objects provides a distinctive and comprehensive view of contemporary craft. There are images and films for a wide range of craft processes.

https://collections.museumofthehome.org.uk/home	The Museum of the Home has a database of over 7,000 objects, all connected with the home, how we have lived and how we now live our lives.
https://www.centreofceramicart.org.uk/exhibition/a-history-of-british-studio-ceramics/	The Centre of Ceramic Art highlights and celebrates York Museum's collection of British Studio ceramics including a history of the movement and information about ceramicists and their works.
https://www.architecture.com/about/riba-library-and-collections	Royal Institute British Architects has one of the largest and most wide-ranging architectural collections in the world.
https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O73553/costume-design-motley/	Digital library of set design and theatre costume.
https://www.bauhaus.de/en/	The Bauhaus Museum and archive with the world's largest Bauhaus collection.
https://www.labiennale.org/en/architecture/2023	Venice Biennale in Architecture 2023.
https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/collection/design	Design-related objects at the National Museum of African American History and Culture.
https://www.designweek.co.uk/landing-page/furniture/	All things Furniture Design.
https://www.theatredesign.org.uk/designers-gallery/	The Designers' Gallery showcases the diverse and eclectic nature of work made by designers based in the UK.
https://metropolismag.com/	Online Design magazine.
https://klimt02.net/	Art jewellery and contemporary crafts.
https://collectible.design	A platform for the showcase and discovery of contemporary collectible design.
https://designmiami.com	A global forum for collectible design.
https://www.vam.ac.uk/young	Toy product design from traditional toys to now.
https://www.sculpture.uk.com/	New art centre, Roche Court Sculpture Park – wide range of contemporary sculpture.
https://www.kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk/	Site for art and sculpture/design gallery based in Cambridge

Textile Design

http://www.62group.org.uk	The 62 Group is an artist-led organisation which aims to incorporate and challenge the boundaries of textile practice through an ambitious and innovative annual programme of exhibitions. The website showcases the work of many textile artists.
http://www.studio21textileart.co.uk	Studio 21 brings together a creative and innovative mix of media and stitched textiles.
https://museum.gwu.edu/collections	Substantial range of textiles across several collections.
http://www.Edge-textileartists-scotland.com	This website promotes excellence in Textiles by artists based in Scotland.
http://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk	The Fashion Museum showcases a world-class collection of contemporary and historic dress.
https://collections.textilemuseum.ca/	A range of textiles from different communities in Canada.
http://www.textileartist.org	TextileArtist.org is a place for textile artists and art enthusiasts to be inspired and learn
https://collections.lacma.org/	Permanent collections of textiles and much more.
https://www.fiberartfever.com/fiber-art-fever-english/	Exhibitions and examples of artists working with textiles.
https://thekindcraft.com/handmade-textiles-bangladesh/	The handmade Textiles of Bangladesh.
https://fashiontextilemuseum.org/	The Fashion and Textile Museum in London - contemporary fashion, textiles and jewellery.
https://americanmuseum.org/about/permanent-collection/quilts-textiles/	Large collection of quilts and textiles.
http://www.textilesociety.org.uk	The Textile Society promotes the study, history and culture of textile disciplines.
https://museumofcarpet.org/research-2/	Carpet manufacture and design collection.

https://www.musee-impression.com/en/the-museum-of-fabrics-printing/	Examples of fabric printing through the ages.
https://britishtextilebiennial.co.uk/	Exhibitions in Lancashire mills, celebrating the industrial background of the textile industry.
https://museum.gwu.edu	The George Washington Textile Museum has a large collection of Asian, African and indigenous American textiles
https://www.contemporary-african-art.com/contemporary-african-textile-art.html	Contemporary African Textile Design.
https://www.kci.or.jp/en/	The Kyoto Costume Institute.
https://www.textilecurator.com/	Showcases a range of contemporary textile artists.
https://www.quiltmuseum.org.uk/collections/	Showcases a range of traditional and contemporary quilts.
https://www.vam.ac.uk/collections?type=featured	Collections showing everything from, weaving, fashion, shoes, jewelry and embroidery.
https://www.wallpaper.com/art/contemporary-textile-artists	Design-based online magazine with a range of fashion and soft furnishing, textile design.
https://www.flowgallery.co.uk/textiles	Shows a range of artists of both weaving, textile art and tapestries.

Photography

http://www.photography-now.com	A website showcasing current photography exhibitions and contemporary photography.
http://www.lumieregallery.net/	Lumière Gallery showcases one of America's largest collections of photographic prints.
https://www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/	The National Media Museum is home to over 3.5 million items of historical significance. It looks after the National Photography, National Cinematography and National Television collections.
https://www.phasesmag.com/	Phases is an online magazine focusing on contemporary photography. It publishes three portfolios from talented emerging photographers each week.
https://www.nationalgeographic.com/	The National Geographic website showcases photography covering many themes, for example nature, weather, travel, landscapes and animals.
https://mobilephotoawards.com/	This website showcases the winners of this international mobile phone photography competition. Images are arranged thematically.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5l9Vvlkcps8hYNkdI9vWlNF/photography	The BBC has an archive of photographic images from topical cultural news articles.
https://movingimage.us/public-collection/mmi/search/	Museum of film and the moving image.
https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/about/photographs-collection	National collection of portrait photography.
https://www.photocollections.org.uk/	Varied collection.
http://www.worldpressphoto.org/	World Press Photography encourages the highest standards in photojournalism
https://www.prm.ox.ac.uk/photograph-collections	The Pitt Rivers collection of photography.

https://thephotographersgallery.org.uk	The Photographers' Gallery is one of the UK's foremost centres for the presentation and exploration of photography in all its forms. Information about current issues in Photography with teaching and learning resources.
https://autograph.org.uk/exhibitions	Artists who use photography and film to highlight issues of race, identity, representation, human rights and social justice.
https://www.foam.org/	Foam is an internationally renowned photography museum that hosts a variety of exhibitions.
https://www.bfi.org.uk	The British Film Institute.
https://britishphotography.org/exhibitions/	The Centre for British Photography, presenting an expansive overview of the diversity of photography, past and present.
https://www.luxonline.org.uk/artists/index.html	Lux Online – a diverse range of different artists who work with film and video.
https://fotografiska.com/	Fotografiska is dedicated to contemporary photography around the world.
https://streetphotographymagazine.com/	Street Photography online magazine.
https://www.yanceyrichardson.com/	20th Century and contemporary photography.
https://www.lomography.com/	A site for analogue photography with magazines featuring artists from diverse backgrounds.
https://www.lensculture.com/	Online magazine for photography with a range of artists from diverse starting points.
https://aperture.org/	Online magazine for photography with a range of artists from diverse starting points.