

## Arts 2G/ Intl 10 Arts of Asia

Cadge-Moore

Paper Assignment: Museum visit

**DUE:** Thursday, Nov. 15

Visit the Stanford University Art Museum, the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, on the Stanford Campus, Palo Alto. It is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 AM-5 PM, Thursday, 11 AM –8 PM. Free though donation is requested. Parking requires a fee during the week. General info.: 650-723-4177, [www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva/](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva/) **CLOSED MONDAY and TUESDAY!**

Explore the Asian art galleries (permanent collection – DO NOT write about art in the special exhibitions) and choose two artworks to compare and contrast. You may choose two similar objects, such as two snuff bottles, or two very different objects with a common aspect, such as subject or function (ie. Two dragons, two Buddhist works). Write a comparison of the two works discussing style and historical context.

**Assignment:** Write a 4-5 page (**Provide a word count at the end - approximately 300 words a page**), double-spaced, typed essay comparing and contrasting the two works of art. **Proofread carefully your essay!** We will be discussing how to write a comparison in class.

**This is NOT a research paper, though you may add research if you wish.** You may use your text or any information provided at the museum or in class to supplement your stylistic descriptions. However, do not focus only upon the historical context of the art. You need to describe what you see and experience through your visit.

### **Make sure to include:**

1. An introduction.
2. A description of the artworks (stylistic analysis).
3. A comparison of the two works – What are the similarities? What are the differences?
4. A discussion of the function and/or contexts of the artworks. You may bring in references to the historical, religious, social context at this point.
5. Conclusion.

\*\*\*Make sure you write your paper in a clear, well-organized essay format and that you proofread your work. Use only your own ideas and writing.

**EXTRA CREDIT (up to 5 points possible):** You may visit the **Asian Art Museum in San Francisco**, in addition to the Cantor Center, as extra credit for the course. Explore the galleries and current exhibits and write a brief (one page, double-spaced) paper describing your experience. A personal reaction to the museum and art works is fine.

\*\*\***Include the ticket receipt stapled to the extra credit paper.**

Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10-5, Thursday 10-9, Admission: \$10 (\$6 with college ID), for information: [www.asianart.org](http://www.asianart.org). 415-581-3500, 200 Larkin St. (near Civic Center Bart Station). Extra Credit **DUE: Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.**