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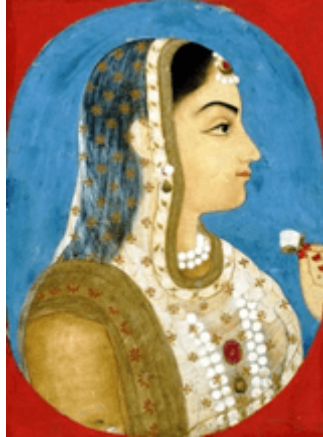
Difference between Art and Culture & Indian Art-Understanding Indian Art for Competitive Exams

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Difference between Art and Culture

Art	Culture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art is the creative expression of one's experiences, emotions and other qualities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It comprises a wide variety of human behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art is one aspect of culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evolved human capacity to act creatively and imaginatively and represent and classify experiences with symbols
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art is influenced heavily by culture and is born as a by-product of culture, reflecting some of its customs, beliefs, and values. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture is the ensemble of social forms, material traits, customary beliefs, and other human phenomena that cannot be directly attributed to a genetic inheritance of a religious, racial, or social group.
<i>Table of Art and Culture</i>	

Understanding of Indian Art



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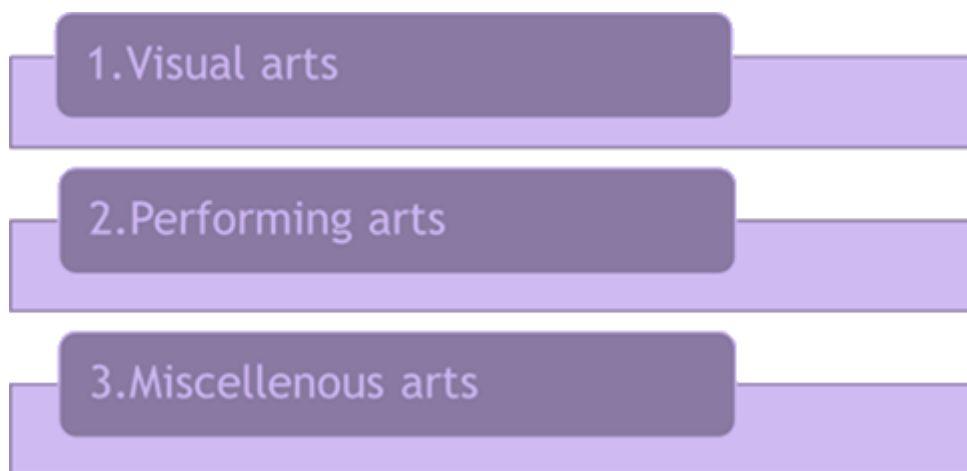
- Architecture has been described as an art of organizing space, functionally and beautifully.
- The character of Indian art is best described as plastic, organic and sculptural
- Also in ancient India, the arts were not separated, as they unfortunately are today the architect; the sculptor and the painter were often one man.

Qualities of Indian Artists



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- If the Greeks excelled in the portrayal of the physical charm of the human body, the Egyptians in the grandeur of their pyramids and the Chinese in the beauty of their landscapes, the Indians were unsurpassed in transmitting the spiritual contents into their plastic forms embodying the high ideals and the common beliefs of the people.
- Indian artists visualized the qualities of various gods and goddesses as mentioned in their scriptures and infused these qualities into their images whose proportions they based on the idealized figures of man and woman.
- There were two qualities about which the Indian artists cared more than about anything else, namely, a feeling for volume and vivid representation, even at the risk of sacrificing, at times, anatomical truth or perspective.
- Indian art is a treasure house of ancient contemporary life, its faiths and beliefs, customs and manners.
- We can divide the subject in three parts for our convenience.



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1. Visual Arts



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- sculpture
- pottery
- painting

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2. Performing Arts



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- Indian Music
- Dance forms
- Indian theatre & drama
- Indian puppetry
- Indian circus

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3. Miscellaneous Art Forms

Religion	Language	Literature
cinema	calendars	philosophy
festivals	fairs	Handicrafts coinage
institutions	maths & science	Medicine, astronomy

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