LOOKING AT ART

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CHAPTER 1

Art Around Us

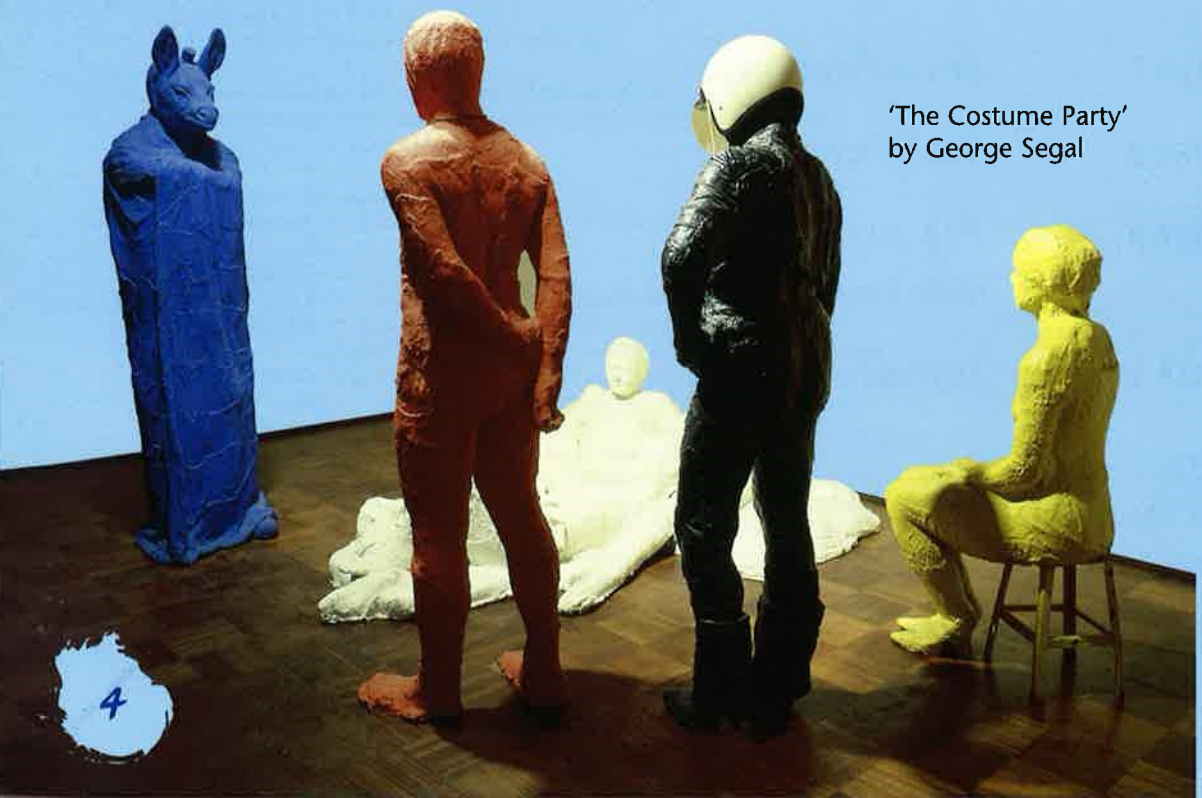
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Art is an important part of our lives. It affects us in many different ways.

Paintings and sculpture can make us feel happy, or calm. When artists paint pictures, they show their thoughts and feelings in a way that they could not do with words. That's why some works of art can puzzle us, or even make us laugh.



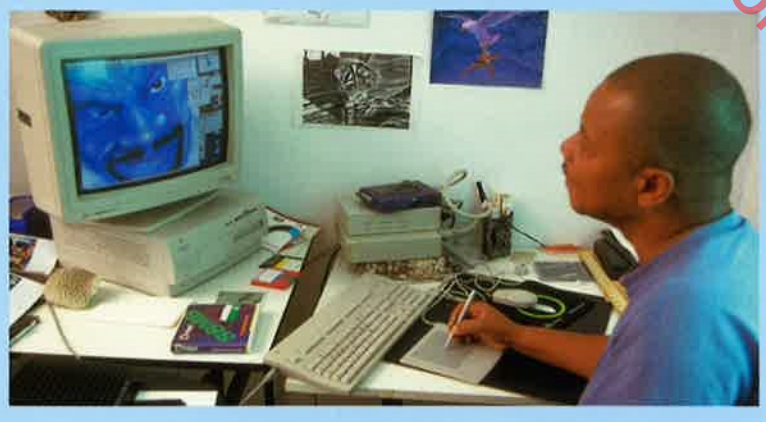
'The Sun of Man' by René Magritte



'The Costume Party' by George Segal

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Technology is becoming an important part of art. Some artists use computers to help them make pictures. Other artists use videos as part of their **installations**, a type of modern sculpture.



An artist using a computer.

Technology can also help art museums to look after their works of art. There are special machines that check the air in a museum to make sure that it is not too hot, or too moist, for the paintings.

X-ray photos of a painting can sometimes show how it was made. Other kinds of technology can show whether a painting is an original or a copy.



Did You Know?

Many paintings are now bought and sold in **cyber space** — on the Internet.

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The Arts, Past and Present



The first artists were probably the people who painted pictures on the walls of caves. Art, and the materials used to create it, have changed over time.

For many years, wood was used as a surface on which to paint. Paper and **canvas** then became popular surfaces for painting. Canvas is a kind of cloth that is made of linen or cotton. The canvas is stretched across a wooden frame.



Artists like to paint on canvas. Oil paint sticks well to the canvas, and the texture of the cloth looks good through the paint.

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Many old sculptures were made of stone. Later they were made of metals and **alloys** like **bronze**.



Today, artists have many more kinds of material that they can make into interesting sculptures. Some artists like to work with **plastic**, and many of them use all kinds of recycled materials.



Cowboy sculptures made from recycled materials.



Did You Know?

Photography with digital cameras has become a popular kind of art. The pictures can be changed on the computer, so the final picture can be very different from the original photo.

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Paints over the Years

All paints contain a **pigment**. Pigments are substances that give paints their colours. The first pigments came from the earth, or from plants. Today, pigments can also be made in factories. They are manufactured, or **synthetic**.

The oldest kinds of paints are watercolours and oil paints. Most paintings in art museums were made using these.

The pigment in watercolour paints is held together with a gum taken from plants. The paint is thinned out with water.



The English artist Joseph Turner was famous for his watercolour paintings of **landscapes**. This painting is called 'Lake Brienz'.

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In oil paints, the pigment is kept together with linseed oil, which also comes from a plant. The paint can be thinned with more oil.



This famous **portrait** by Leonardo da Vinci is called 'Mona Lisa'. It is painted with oils.



'Gauguin's Chair' by David Hockney

The newest kinds of paints are **acrylics**. Artists first used them around 50 years ago. They are synthetic paints, in which the pigment is held together with a liquid plastic. The paint is thinned with liquid plastic, or even water.

Did You Know?

Some old kinds of paint were made from egg yolks or egg whites. This paint is called tempera.