

FROM PALEOLITHIC TO POSTMODERN: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ART IN THE STAGES OF SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

Human beings from the very beginning of their existence on this planet earth have at one time or the other improved and developed their immediate environments. This developments hinge on art - a way of thinking and doing. And yet, art has not been given its front seat. The psychology of people towards creativity and development is worrisome. Bearing this in mind, this paper sets to give an historical overview of these contributions of art right from Paleolithic period to the present postmodern time. In doing this the writer relies on existing literature to buttress some points. In this paper therefore, it has been made clear that art is the back bone of all ages and civilization. An overview of the contributions of art in the various stages of the societal development will go a long way in bringing to the fore how from time immemorial to the present time; art has helped and is still helping man to develop his environment in particular, and the society at large. Art is life and life itself is art as God created the world, and human beings have continued to develop it through artistic innovations, explorations, and experimentation.

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