



Philosophical Inquiry



What is Art?

We just heard about cryptocurrency billionaire Justin Sun, who made headlines by purchasing a \$9.5 million artwork—an ordinary banana taped to the wall of an art gallery—and then eating it!







Source: <https://youtu.be/XMRK0a-nK9c>






Source: <https://abc11.com/post/crypto-entrepreneur-bought-banana-art-62-million-eats-fruit-hong-kong/15607237/>

The artwork, which was named *Comedian* was originally made with a banana that cost less than 40 cents. The banana has been replaced many times and has been eaten before.

As a class or in small groups, have a discussion about what art is and what it's not. We have provided some questions to help start you off. Remember to listen respectfully to everyone's ideas. It's ok if you disagree.

-  Was the banana stuck to the wall, art? Why or why not?
-  Is it significant that the work had previously sold for a lot of money?
-  If we tell you that the banana was replaced every two or three days with a fresh one, would that make a difference to its value?
-  When asked about his actions, Mr Sun said the artwork "represents a cultural phenomenon that bridges the worlds of art, memes, and the cryptocurrency community." What do you think he meant by this?

Imagine someone asking to paint your portrait. They take a sheet of paper and paint it all a single colour, then stick it up on the wall. "That's your portrait!" they tell you.

-  Would it actually be a portrait of you? Why or why not?
-  Would you think differently about the single-colour portrait if it were made by a famous artist? Why or why not?
-  As a class or with your group, work together to try and write a definition for art that everyone agrees with.



Types of Texts

Read these beginnings with your partner. They're all about the AFLW Grand Final. **First**, identify what kind of text each is, and write it at the top. **Then**, underline the language that is typical of each type of text. (We've done the first one for you.) **Finally**, write your own version of the missing kinds of texts, being sure to use the kind of language typical for that text type.

You choose whose point of view to write from.

Procedural Text

Here's how to win a grand final.
First, make sure you train hard every week.
Second, be sure to study your opponents strengths and weaknesses.
 During the game you should work together as a team and stay focused.

Types of Texts

Autobiography

Informative

How To

Opinion / Argument

Story / Narrative



The North Melbourne Kangaroos are the AFLW champions! They beat the Brisbane Lions by 30 points in the grand final. The team worked hard all season and stayed undefeated to claim their first premiership trophy.

The crowd cheered as Emma Kearney lifted the premiership cup high into the air. The team hugged and laughed, proud of their hard work and their historic win. For one young fan, watching her heroes win was the best moment of her life.
