

## **Tips for writing your papers:**

- **Very little biographical information:**

Biographical information can be the structure of the paper, but you need to talk about the work. This is what should be done in all your art movement papers.

- **Look at the work, describe the work.**

Why is his work part of the art Nouveau movement? What is it's characteristics? Why is the artist work so significant to graphic art history.

- *Example: In the text book there is information about Lautrec, his individual prints and his technique. Don't just give me a biography of his life.....*

- **Graphic Work only:**

Make sure you talk about the printed and graphic work, not paintings or furniture.

- **Proper citation:**

When quoting from a website or a book, make sure you use proper citation. Do not put the website link or the name of the book in the body of your paper.

- *I provided a link to this on the stylebook assignment page. There is MLA style or APA style.*

- **Put in transitional phrases:**

Make sure you have good transitional phrase that go from one paragraph to the next or from one idea to the next. Don't just put paragraphs in with out it having an effective flow. Tell a story. Make sure your paper reads with a good tone and flow.

- **Watch how you use the artist name:**

Do not start a paragraph off with He or She, this is not correct paragraph structure. Use the last name of the artist in the beginning of the paragraph and then use, he/she when you write other sentences. Also, do not call the artist by their first name. either first and last or last.

- **Check spelling:**

Make sure you use spell check and also have someone else read it to check for the correct use of words.

- **Get writing help:**

Use the writing resource center in Sierra Hall.