



Level Up Challenge: High Art Remix

For this Level Up assignment, you'll be creating a parody of a work of "high art." Using whatever image-manipulating software to which you have access or with which you are most comfortable (we've suggested some below), your goal is to select a famous work of art and remix it so that your parody critiques the cultural values expressed in the original. In addition to your visual remix, you'll also write up an artist's rationale, a statement of approximately 250 words that contextualizes your parody, explaining how it works to subvert or undercut the values or beliefs reflected in the original artwork.

Examples of High Art Remix

In this [parody of Munch's *The Scream* by G. Justine](#), Justine undercuts the feelings of existential angst and alienation represented in Munch's original painting by replacing the original anguished-looking central figure with a much more jovial stand-in (the popular "awesome face" Internet meme). Your goal is to create a similar type of remix, juxtaposing unconventional visual elements, text, or other features into your design. Other examples include [L.H.O.O.Q. by Marcel Duchamp](#) (which parodies the *Mona Lisa*) and a [parody of Grant Wood's *American Gothic*](#).

Submission: When you've finished with your spoof masterpiece, upload it to an appropriate third-party hosting service such as [Flickr](#) or [imgur](#) (for images), [Scribd](#) (for documents and PDFs), or [Dropbox](#) (multiple file types), among others. Then, post a link to your spoof masterpiece, along with your artist's rationale, to the "High Art Remix" Discussion Forum Thread.

Resources:

- [Famous Artists Gallery](#)— a good resource for finding high art pieces to parody. You can also Google terms such as "famous paintings" and related terms to find your source image.
- [Creative Commons Image Search](#)— here, you can search for additional images to incorporate into your design.
- [GIMP](#) (Graphical Image Manipulation Program) is a free, open source application used to edit images in a variety of ways. A series of tutorials is available [here](#).
- [Pixlr](#) is a free web-based image editor that offers many of the same features as GIMP or Photoshop. [The Pixlr Blog](#) offers resources including tutorial, tricks, tips, as well as a user community discussion forum.

You may find that your computer already has tools available for image editing--and there are lots of other free tools, online and offline, that we haven't mentioned here! Feel free to explore other options besides the ones we list above.