

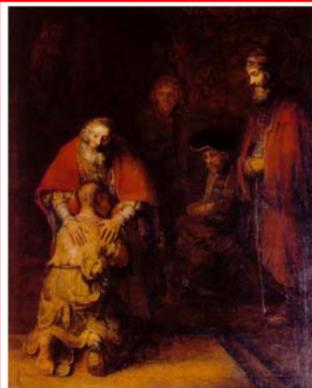
Spirited Arts Knowledge Organiser

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Spirituality relates to your personal search, to finding greater meaning and purpose in your existence. The word spirit sounds similar to inspire—when you're filled with spiritual energy you feel great **inspiration**.

Christianity

Christian art tends to use **symbolism** with paintings often having hidden meanings for the viewer to try and find.



Rembrandt

The Return of the **Prodigal Son**

Tells story of the lost son who is welcomed back home.

Key points: Son is bald like a baby, father has one male hand, one female, red is associated with fire and sacrifice. Shows God as the father.

The Third of May 1808

c.1814

The figure (in white and yellow) is trying to make the soldiers shoot him rather than the civilians behind him.

Key points: Figure bathed in glow even though night, arms like a cross, church in background, wound in the middle of his hand.



The Creation of Adam

c. 1508–1512

One of the most famous images in the world, in Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Shows a figure creating **Adam** and reaching out to him.

Key points: Adam is naked. Old man (right) is in white and surrounded by angels. Cloth behind in shape of a brain. Adam is letting the figure (the father) do all the work by not leaning to meet him.

Buddhism

Buddhists make mandalas as a form of **meditation**. While making the mandala Buddhist monks will meditate and focus on issues they might be struggling with.

To demonstrate the Buddhist concept of **impermanence** (that nothing will last forever) many monks will then destroy the mandalas they have created.



Tibetan Prayer Flags



Buddhist Monks from Tibet also create **prayer flags**.

Each flag has a colour and picture on it to represent what the person is praying for.

They must have five colours to represent the five elements at balance. As they blow in the wind they are thought to carry the prayers to all corners of the world.

Islam

Calligraphy is the most highly regard part of Islamic Art. They are not allowed to draw certain things like Allah and the Prophet and therefore developed other ways to draw.

The **Qur'an** is made into a piece of art so Muslims can truly appreciate the beauty of God's words—they can look at a piece of art, admire it and recite God's words at the same time. Nothing but the best is good enough for him. Words are often written out using calligraphy too, it allows them to express their beliefs through art.



KEY-WORDS

Calligraphy = a visual art related to writing, may be used to write words/beliefs in the form of art. Also often used when writing the Qur'an.

Impermanence = The idea that nothing lasts forever and it is silly to try and hold onto things which will disappear.

Inspiration = To help stimulate people, in this case using art, whilst they are worshipping.

Mandala = These are created by monks as a meditation tool in Buddhism and then destroyed at complete to show the idea of impermanence.

Meditation = A practise of mindfulness used to help achieve calmness, this may be done by focusing on a particular object such as creating a mandala.

Prayer Flag = Flags created by Tibetan monks to carry prayers across the world.

The Prodigal Son = Parable in Christianity about the son who left home and lost all of his inheritance and had to return home to beg for a place in the household. The father surprises him by welcoming him back with a celebration.

The Qur'an = The Muslim Holy Book

Symbolism = when art is full of hidden meanings.