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As a result, the influence of "Negro art" on both painting and sculpture became quite noticeable in Paris after , and in Berlin, Dresden and London after By it had become virtually universal, and continued until the early s when Oceanic, Indian and Eskimo art became a leading source of inspiration for the Surrealists and their followers. Among artists most influenced by primitivism were the German expressionists Emil Nolde and Max Pechstein , the Fauvist Henri Matisse , the modern Romanian sculptor Constantin Brancusi , the British sculptor Jacob Epstein , the Paris-based Italian portraitist and sculptor Modigliani , and Pablo Picasso , among many others. Russian primitivism had a major impact on Natalia Goncharova who developed a style called Neo-Primitivist art. The impact of African, Oceanic, Aboriginal and other so-called primitive art on Western artists continues to this day, and encompasses a number of forms including painting, sculpture, assemblage, body art such as face painting and body painting , tattooing, wood carving and others. Primitivist Sculptures and Paintings Although painters were the first to take an interest in primitivism, its greatest impact was on sculpture. The Fauvist painter Andre Derain even taught himself to carve limestone in order to produce primitive-style works. Among the greatest works of art created in the primitive manner are the following: Other primitive artists include: Paul Klee , Mikhail Larionov , L. Prehistoric Art is not Primitivism All sculpture eg. Venus Figurines and painting eg. Since all humans of this period lived a primitive existence, the term "primitive art" does not apply to the prehistoric age. Integral Part of History and Culture Note however, that art is not an isolated phenomenon. It is part of a culture, linked up with the history of the culture and with the history of the people. Consequently, we should view primitive art as merely a general term covering a variety of historical phenomena; the products of different races, mentalities, temperaments, historical events, and influences of environment. Every people, however primitive, has developed a specific style by giving preference to certain objects and patterns or certain arrangements of lines and spaces. Primitivism As Opposed To Academic Art The dehumanizing effects of 19th-century industrialization, combined with the carnage of the Great War , caused a number of artists to become disillusioned by the culture and values of their own society which they saw as corrupt and morally bankrupt. Fine art - especially the official " academic art " taught in the Academies - was identified with these corrupt values. In comparison, "primitive" art seemed more spontaneous, more honest and more emotionally charged. Primitivism and Aesthetics To categorize a painting or piece of sculpture as "primitive" presupposes the existence of "non-primitive" art. How should we describe such a category of "non-primitive" art? None of these descriptions seem satisfactory. Perhaps because there is no such category. After all, aesthetics is not a science - there is no such thing as "advanced beauty" or "primitive beauty". We Most Appreciate Art That is Familiar to Us Quite often it seems as though a complete enjoyment of beauty is only possible when we are confronted with a work of art which either belongs to our own kind of culture, or is at least superficially related to our own aesthetics or ideals of artistic beauty. The combinations of form and colour evolved by foreign civilisations may have many attractions, but they remain shrouded in a mysterious atmosphere which can be quite alien to us. Works reflecting the style of "primitivism" can be seen in some of the best art museums in the world. Bad Art is Not Primitive Art Since the first stage of anything is usually undeveloped and unfinished, a popular meaning has grown up for the word "primitive", denoting something crude - lacking that certain accord of lines, spaces or colours, which is the source of our emotional sensation when we look at a real work of art. The "primitive work" in this sense, may be simply the work of a bungler who lacks both artistic inspiration and technical skill, in which case it has nothing to do with real primitiveness but is simply bad art without even a documentary value to recommend it. On the other hand, if it is the work of a savage or a child, it will have some importance at least

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as genetic or psychological evidence. Fashion Dictates Aesthetics An art style is not a static but a dynamic phenomenon, bound up and changing with a specific period of cultural development. It is an established fact that there is something like a periodicity of art styles, corresponding to a periodicity of tastes. It is not certain to what extent the style and the emotional reaction to it are conditioned by each other. The most obvious characteristic of modern artistic taste is simplicity. Living in a highly complicated world, noisy and mechanised to breaking point, twentieth-century man developed a strong tendency towards simplicity - simplicity in the external forms of daily life, a distaste for ornamentation in architecture, furniture and utensils, and a preference for primitiveness and spontaneity, rather than refinement and sophistication. That is why the simplicity of many primitive arts appeals to him so strongly. Such a judgment, however, is only justified by comparatively limited sections of the art of primitive races. In point of fact the "primitive" artist is not always as naive as one would like to think. What Are the Features of Primitive Art? On the contrary the materials in which the primitive artist works - stone, ivory, bone, wood, clay and metal - are largely the same as those of the European artist. Even in painting, the colour pigments from minerals, vegetables and even animals are in many cases similar. The means at the disposal of the primitive artist belong to his cultural level, and to his surroundings. In an African shrine or temple an oil painting on canvas would be both historically untrue and aesthetically displeasing. Primitive methods vary considerably yet we find similar techniques applied in altogether different areas. The method of sculpture in wood, for example, is predominantly chopping, not carving. The tool is a kind of adze. The result in the finished piece is a faceted surface showing the unplanned marks of the tool. The aim of the primitive artist is good craftsmanship. The conditions under which he works are different from those of his "civilised" colleague. Before he can begin an artistic work he has first to collect, manufacture and prepare his tools and his material, and usually he has to do all this single-handed. Take, for example, the North American Indian painter. Among the Plains Indians it is the women who are responsible for the geometric type of decorative art. The men confine themselves to representative paintings. In both cases plants or minerals must be collected to provide the paints. They must then be boiled or ground and mixed with size or fat to set the pigment. A buffalo hide must then be carefully prepared and the surface made as smooth as possible for the painting. Even after a very complicated preparatory process the surface is still so rough that outlines must first be pressed into the ground before the drawing proper can be carried out, and the drawing must be repeated several times to press the pigment thoroughly into the hide. Consequently, a polychrome picture is actually a coloured engraving rather than a simple drawing. Fixing requires another complicated process, but this is only applied in geometric designs. All this preparatory work requires skilled craftsmanship and is largely mechanical. So was the work of a European painter in former times. Today, art material of every description can be bought ready made. It is only the sculptors who are still tied to any considerable amount of mechanical craftsmanship. Generally speaking, the primitive artist is faced with a difficult technical task. That does not mean, however, that he is not a true artist with ideas of his own and sometimes genuine artistic inspiration. Many years ago Professor Franz Boas of Columbia University met an Indian from Vancouver Island who had been a good painter, though his works were in the traditional style of the Northwest coast. This Indian was so seriously ill that he was confined to his bed. But during his illness he used to sit up holding his brush between his lips, silent and apparently oblivious of his surroundings, He could hardly be induced to speak, but when he spoke he dilated upon his visions of designs that he could no longer execute. Undoubtedly his was "the mind and the attitude of a true inspired artist. The primitive artist not only knows from the beginning exactly what he wants, but continues with unwavering constancy until it is attained. This may hold good for some primitive art but it cannot be accepted for all. In view of the great variety of altogether different types; generalisations are dangerous. Similarly, violent deviations from reality cannot be taken as characteristic of purely primitive vision, for they are found also in the art of highly developed cultures. This is especially true of the lack of perspective which one finds in Egyptian, Byzantine and Gothic art, but it is also evident in the arbitrary proportion of limbs in figures painted by Botticelli or El Greco. On the other hand paleolithic and South African bushman artists have produced remarkable attempts at foreshortening,

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overlapping colours, linear perspective and colour shading. Indeed, some primitive artists have attained the highest level in realistic portrayal. Bushman paintings and drawings appeal to us strongly because we have no difficulty in understanding them. This type of graphic art is reminiscent of our own. It is simple and unsophisticated. Consequently, we find these works naive and "primitive" in an appreciative sense. We do not have to apply any new or unaccustomed kind of vision, for, in the long run, the primitive artist, like the European artist, works from life. But innumerable works of art, particularly sculptures, from Africa, the South Seas and America, are so realistic and individual that one can assume with certainty that the artists were actually working from nature. Above all, the sculptors of ancient Mexico and Peru who were, of course, far from being really primitive must have been looking directly at nature, and their works are in fact masterpieces of portraiture. In Africa the beautiful heads from Ife are no doubt life portraits, though some foreign influence may be responsible for this extraordinarily high standard of sculpture. But we find life portraits among even more primitive African tribes, in the Ivory Coast, the parkland of the Cameroons and the Congo Basin. Portraiture exists also in the Pacific area. The Maori of New Zealand have developed what may be called, "schematic" portraiture, whereby the patterns of tattooing, that infallible means of identification, rendered it possible to preserve the memories of the individual ancestors through pictorial representation. The terms "realistic" or "naturalistic" art are usually applied to work which is done from life and hence is true to nature. But their meaning, though definite enough in sculpture, tends to become ambiguous when applied to the graphic arts. If we speak of a naturalistic painting we mean that it is true to the optical impression of the model as observed at a given moment from a given angle. But in a different sense of the term we may speak of naturalism or realism if an artist represents all the details actually in existence, not only those he can see at the moment but those he knows are there as well. In most primitive arts realism is of this kind. Arguably, it reaches its highest development in the X-ray drawings of Australia, Melanesia and the coastal regions of British Columbia and Southern Alaska. In Northwest America there are monumental wall-paintings representing killer whales or other animals which are distinguished by the rendering of vertebrae and ribs. Typical of all Northwest American graphic art is the stylised representation of the joint. This strange visual method is restricted to a few regions in the Pacific area, and is supposed to be one of the indications that this district may have been affected by Western influences at some remote period in the past. Intellectual realism of this sort cannot claim to be either naive or simple. It is paradoxically a sophisticated kind of primitiveness.

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masterpieces of American primitive painting from the collection of Edgar William & Bernice Chrysler Garbisch. Starting at \$ American primitive paintings from the collection of Edgar William and Bernice Chrysler Garbisch.

Transportation Home Articles Lifestyle: The Eero Saarinen dining table and chairs set off the crisply detailed oil portrait of two children and their curly haired spaniel that the owners attribute to Henry Walton , most of whose paintings were watercolor. The white painted wooden figure on a pedestal titled "Garibaldi," is a representation of Giuseppe Garibaldi who led the unification of Italy in the mid-nineteenth century. The folk sculpture, evidently created by a supporter, was found in an upstate New York flea market. The strong lines of the Mennonite sideboard are balanced by the mushroom lamp, above which watercolor still lifes hang. The soaring angles and planes of the structure provide a gorgeous counterpoint to the folk art within. The collectors got their start some forty-five years ago; their impetus was the Masterpieces of American Primitive Painting exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. One look and they were hooked. Their early acquisitions were similar to those of any new collectors: Over time and with careful study, they bought with greater confidence. The husband says, "In those days you could still drive around the countryside on a free afternoon and find things in country shops. We did and then spent hours in libraries trying to figure out what we had bought. In many instances it was long after their purchase that they identified the artist of the piece. The husband says it was never their intention to "build a collection;" rather, they acquired what pleased them. Her portrait is one of four by the Burpee-Conant Limner that the couple owns. After years of research, the owners have not yet been able to determine the identity of the artist; Portrait of Elijah Wales at age 6 signed by Joseph Whiting Stock Above, clockwise from upper left: A portrait of the year-old MaryAnn Gale painted by Ammi Phillips in about is from his "Border period," which dates from to , when he painted along the New York-Massachusetts border and was known as "The Border Limner. It has been confirmed as the work of Erastus Salisbury Field Sprinkled around the house are artworks by the Swiss-born wife, a talented sculptor, ceramicist, and textile artist. She has exhibited and taught sculpture. She confesses to a love of texture that is evident in her work and in the collections that fill the house. Her ceramic bowls in ethereal hues of blue and lavender have an arrestingly tactile grace. Trained in horticulture, she pursued her interest in ceramics when her children were small by taking evening classes. She ultimately achieved a MFA and has received prestigious awards for her work. Next to it glass doors open onto the hall where a rocking horse awaits. From every aspect the house is a visual feast. Color and line, form and texture interact as each object is drawn into the harmonious whole. Art and life intersect here: The joy with which the objects were made and with which the couple assembled them is palpable. There are, of course, exceptions. There was the day the husband arrived home from an auction with a portrait that was so heavily overpainted that the wife inquired, "Have you lost your mind? The husband hoped that the original work might be intact beneath the overpaint. Restoration proved him correct and the couple has lived happily ever after with Elizabeth, portraits of whose mother-in-law and sister-in-law are part of the Shelburne Museum collection. It comes from Salem, New York, a town near the Vermont border. The couple lives with comfortable mid-century furniture in keeping with the house itself, though earlier furniture pieces abound. In a niche in one room a group of carved wood animals reside; on an adjacent wall is a selection of chalkware animals. A painted wood rocking horse stands in the foyer by the steel framed staircases. And the house is replete with portraits by masters from the pantheon of primitive artists -- Joseph Goodhue Chandler, Samuel Miller, Zedekiah Belknap, and Susan Waters, among others. An early purchase was the portrait of two children and their spaniel that the owners attribute to Henry Walton. The picture has pride of place in the dining room whose cathedral ceiling is filled with weathervanes. Other objects of interest, aside from the Eero Saarinen dining table and chairs, are a Mennonite sideboard and paintings by Erastus Salisbury Field and one by Joseph Whiting Stock dated Among the fourteen paintings by Thomas Chambers ca. A nocturnal sea battle painted after a James

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Buttersworth painting; A painting of Mt. New York Harbor; another painting of Mt. The kitchen is spacious enough to accommodate a sitting area and a fireplace above which hangs an oil-on-canvas view of the battle between the U. Macedonian by the English-born American primitive artist Thomas Chambers ca. The artist is a favorite of the couple because of his unique abstract style. A pair of sturdy folk art cast-iron dog-form andirons see heavy use. The couple is also partial to the marine scenes and landscapes of Thomas Chambers because of his unique abstract style. They own fourteen of his works including an oil-on-canvas view of the battle between the U. Macedonian that hangs above the fireplace in the kitchen, and a nocturnal sea battle after a James Buttersworth painting. A spacious upstairs landing that overlooks the dining room and leads to the bedrooms and another floor -- all of which are filled with paintings -- affords multilevel display space. Hamblin portrait of a boy in a red dress and another painting of a boy, this one by George G. Hartwell, in a red dress holding a riding crop. The couple uses an elevated space above the staircase as a sculpture platform where they display their carved merganser decoys and an index horse, animal figures, whirligigs, and carved heads. The horse and rider in front of the window was an advertising form for the Cincinnati Stove Works. The brown dog from Ohio, circa s, is made of wood with leather ears, a tail, and painted eyes on cloth covered with glass. Parsons was a graduate of Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. He painted briefly for only two years and spent the remainder of his life as a traveling preacher and evangelist; The couple bought the portrait of the lady with a halo at auction -- sight unseen. The painting is the work of Maine primitive artist Royall Brewster Smith His portrait is also in the collection; Connecticut River Valley resident Esther Williams was 69 in about when she embroidered the bed cover, seen here, in a delicate floral pattern against a midnight blue ground. An impressive overmantel theorem on linen, in stencil and freehand, hangs above the bed. It came from Eaton, New York. An inscription at the top says that it was "painted before The owners particularly admire the early and highly detailed Vermont landscapes of the self-taught artist James Hope They have several examples of his work, including a view of Clarendon Springs above the Shaker furniture ; Trains and tunnels are a common theme in the art of Mexican-born Martin Ramirez The soaring cathedral-like lines intersected by bars and bridges attest to the power of his creative spirit. Ramirez, a mute and schizophrenic, was confined to California mental institutions for over thirty years, a period in which he was able to give rein to his stunning creativity. Also by self-taught artist James Hope is a scene of West Rutland above right , which is the only one in their collection that is signed and dated The Scottish-born Hope painted views of Castleton above left , for nearly twenty five years. After he was exposed to the aesthetic of the Hudson River School his work became more academic. Above, left to right: View of the Berks County Almshouse, , by John Rasmussen one of the three so-called almshouse painters whose habit it was to get themselves incarcerated for the winter so they would have shelter. This one was painted on roofing tin; A group of chalkware animals in a bookcase in the living room attests to another area of interest for this couple. Inscribed, signed, and dated on the reverse by Noah North ; A companion portrait of Stephen Powers, is also in the collection; A young girl in red, artist and sitter unknown; A portrait of an unknown woman by William Jennys , one of two in the collection; A lifesize portrait of Fanny Aiken, , by Milton W. Despite the fact that the couple has run out of space, the collecting goes on in this house and so does the learning process. The husband says, "We still look. We visit small libraries and historical societies to learn. Frances McQueeney-Jones Mascolo has been writing about antiques for nearly twenty years. Based in the Boston area, she also writes on art and travel.

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