

WHAT is  
ART?

# TERMS TO KNOW

**Form:** the way a work of art looks

**Medium:** what the artist uses to create the art and the method he/she uses

**Style:** the sum of constant or recurring traits identified with a certain group or individual

**Composition:** the way a work of art is put together, eg. triangular composition in the Renaissance

**Iconography:** the “story” within a work of art





# THEMES AND PURPOSE OF ART

## I. Magic and Survival





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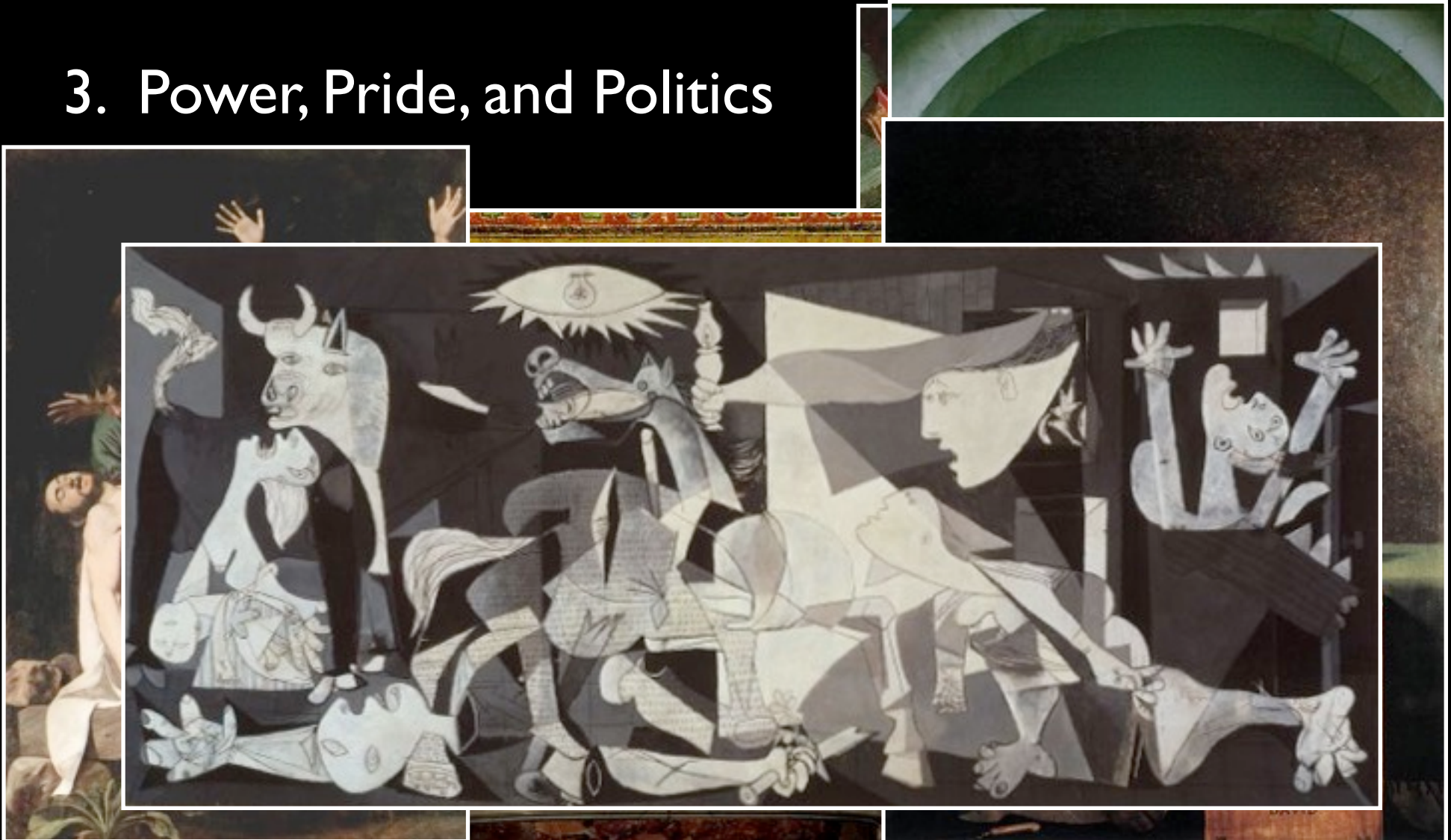
## 2. Religion

- attempts to make specific and visual something that is spiritual
- sacred structures



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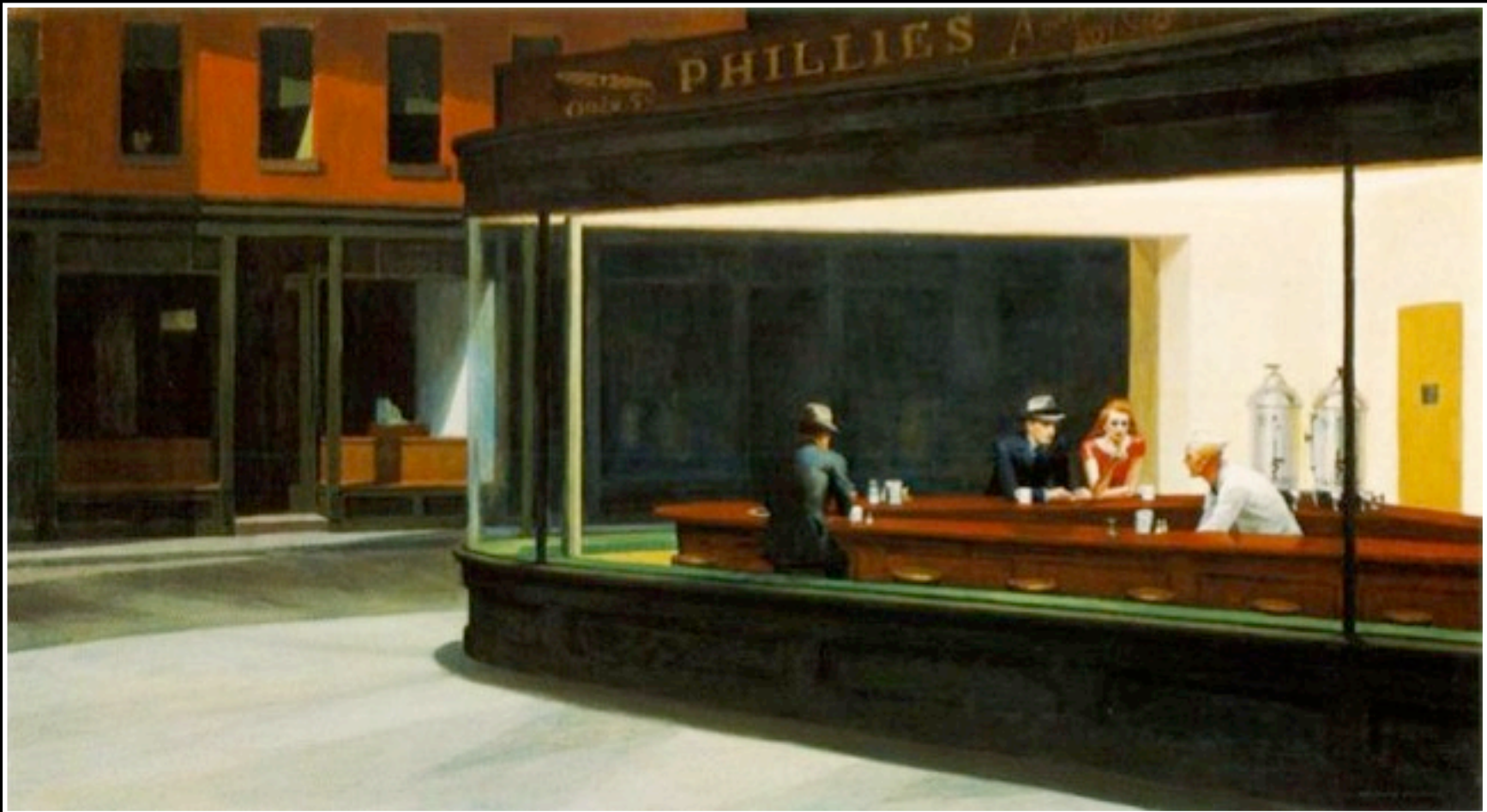
## 3. Power, Pride, and Politics





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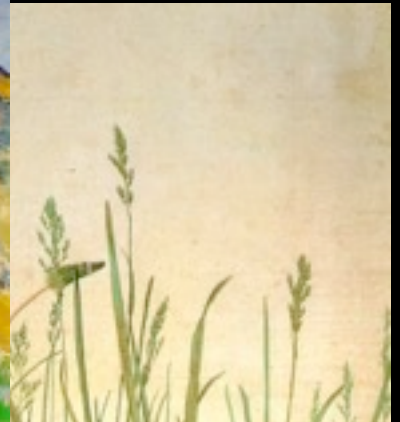
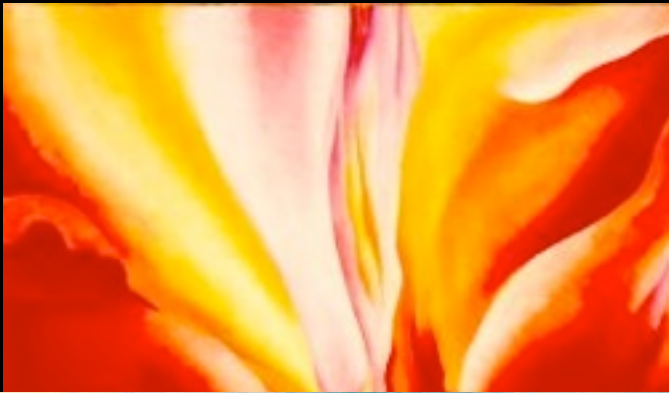
## 4. Art as a mirror of everyday life





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## 5. Art and Nature





*Ceci n'est pas une pipe.*

Magritte



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