The Birth of Art  BCE – Before the Common Era
CE – Common Era

Prehistoric  35,000 BCE – 950 BCE
  Paleolithic Period – 35,000 BCE – 8000 BCE
  Mesolithic Period – 8000 BCE – 4000 BCE
  Neolithic Period – 4000 BCE – 1500 BCE
    Ancient Near East – Babylonia, Assyria, Persia
    Aegean Period – 3000 BCE – 950 BCE
    Crete, Mycenaean, Minoan

Egypt – 6000 BCE – through various kingdoms and dynasties to independence in 1922

Africa – 16,000 BCE - current

Asia
  Japan – 14,000 BCE – Jōmon period through various periods ending with the Edo Period 1868 CE – modern Japan
    Buddhism
  India – 3300 BCE – through various empires to independence in 1947
    Hindu & Buddhism Religions
  China – 2100 BCE beginning of the dynasties – 1912 CE (the dynasties ended) became a Republic, 1949 People’s Republic
    Buddhism/ Atheism

Oceania / South Pacific Art – Polynesia, Australia

The Native Arts of the Americas – North, Central & South America – 4000 BCE - current
  Meso-America – central & southern Mexico – northern Central America
  Olmecs, Mayan, Aztec (Classic Periods /Pre-Columbian)
  North American Indian & Eskimo

Greek Art – 1200 BCE – 30 CE

Etruscan & Roman Art – 700 BCE – 500 CE (8th C BCE – 5th C CE)

Byzantine Art & Islamic Art / Early Christian Art – 100 CE – 1500 CE
  Byzantine Art – comes from the name of the town – Byzantium, the site of Constantine’s capital – Constantinople
    (modern day Istanbul, Turkey)  Constantine – Roman emperor; legally sanctioned the Christian religion – 312 CE
  Islamic Art – 612 CE- Mohammed fled from Mecca to Medinet-en-Nabi (City of the Prophet), now Medina
    Islam spread from Arabia through the Middle East into the Indus Valley & westward across North Africa

Middle Ages / Dark Ages / Medieval Period – 375 CE – 1500 CE – Christianity ruled in Europe
  Early Medieval – 375 – 1015 CE
  Romanesque – 900 – 1150 CE
  Gothic Art – 1140 – 1500 CE

Renaissance Art – (rebirth) 14th through the 16th Centuries (1500-1700 CE) in Europe

Baroque Art – 17th Century to mid-18th Century (1600-1740)

Rococo Art – Early to mid-18th Century (1700-1760)

Modern Art & Architecture – 19th Century (1800-1899) - Neoclassicism, Romantic, Realism, Impressionism, Post-Impressionism,
  Art Nouveau Style, Revivalism Architecture, Arts & Crafts Movement, Frank Lloyd Wright, The Bauhaus School

20th Century Art & Architecture (1900 -1999) - Expressionism, Les Fauves, German Expressionism, Cubism, Futurism, Early Abstraction,
  Modern Architecture, Dada, Surrealism, Art Deco Style, The International Style, American Regional Art, African American Modernist,
  Latin American Modernists, Abstract Expressionism, Minimal Art, Conceptual Art & Performance Art, Op Art, Pop Art, Neo-Realism / Photorealism, Gender-based Art, Controversial Art, Postmodern Art & Architecture, Deconstructivist Architecture

21st Century (2000 - current) - Global Art – Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, India, Russia, The Americas