

Summer homework: Lost and Found

The theme of lost and found covers a variety of interesting areas from physical loss of possessions and/or loved ones to a metaphysical loss of ones' mind or passion for a particular part of their everyday lives. In response to the myriad of questions this theme raises you will be required to physically explore the theme of lost and found in an investigative manner.

Task 1

You have been given one object. This object is a starting point for you to build a collection of objects from. You must think of the work you do/collect as an ongoing investigation, you will be building a narrative around this object and extending the story through the collection of relatable objects.

Look at the object closely, think about where that object comes from, what does it closely relate to? What could it relate to in a broader sense? For example what could the social and historical contexts be?

Once you have explored these research avenues you must collect/find 6 items that you feel relate to your object. You will be required to explain your findings and display your collection appropriately to your teachers when you return to school.

Task 2

There have been many traditional and contemporary Artists throughout history who have produced vast collections of artworks that engage and challenge the viewer. Below is a list of Artists and a collection of artwork specific to them.

Your task is to produce a 500 word essay about your chosen artist's collection. This is not a biographical piece the focus of your writing should be on the collection itself.

What were the common themes? How did the artist create the work? What materials and processes were used? How was the work received by critics and the public (use quotes)? How does the artist describe/feel about their work? What is your opinion of the collection do you understand the themes? Does the message the artist was trying to convey come through to you in the presentation/arrangement of the collection.

Artist and Collection list:

Andy Warhol – *Marilyn Diptych*, (1962)

Joseph Cornell - *Object "Roses des Vents"* (1942-53)

Christian Botanski - *The Storehouse* (1988)

Judy Chicago – *Dinner Party* (1974-79)

Chapman Brothers – *Family Collection* (2002)

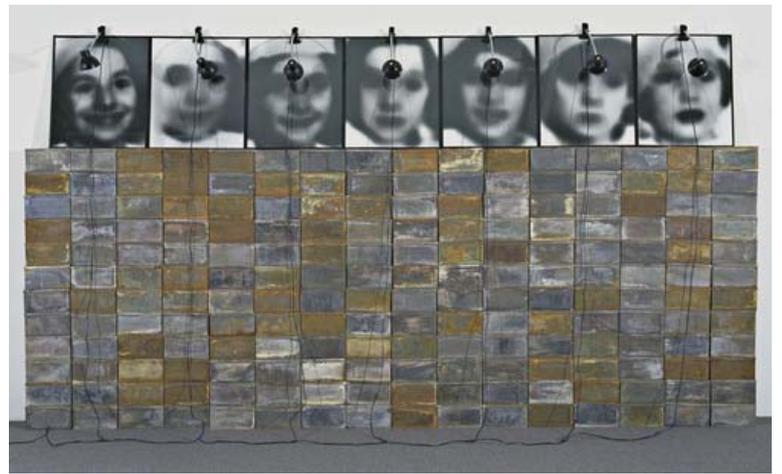
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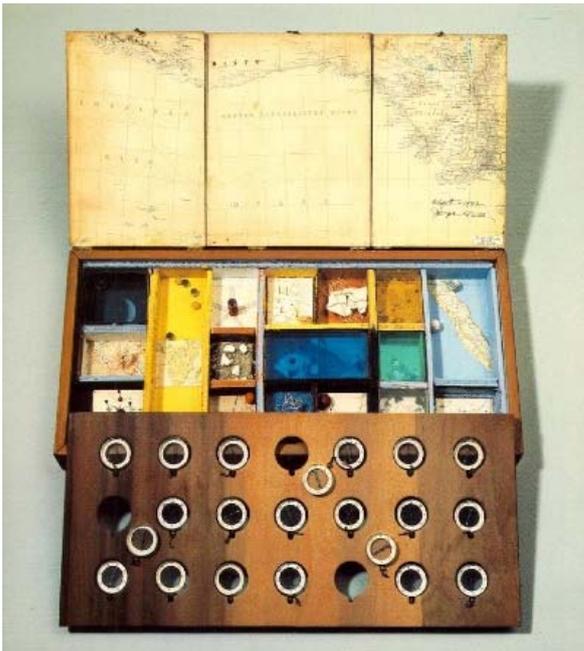
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