

How Art Made the World DVD

Disc 1 Questions

1. What do most depictions of the human form have in common?
2. What was discovered in Austria in 1908?
3. Describe the ways in which prehistoric fertility symbols from around the world were unrealistic and exaggerated.
4. What were the factors that contributed to the rise of the Egyptian civilization?
5. Why didn't the Egyptian style of depicting the human figure evolve over thousands of years?
6. About what were the ancient Greeks fixated? What was the reason for their obsession?
7. From whom did the ancient Greeks acquire their masonry skills for making life-size statues?
8. What was so groundbreaking about the Kritian (or Kritios) Boy statue?
9. What was Polykleitos trying to capture in his manipulation of the human body?
10. Where do you see the preference for exaggerated bodies in contemporary American culture? Name at least 5 examples.