

Unit 2: Baroque Art in the Netherlands

In this unit, we move on to look at Baroque art as it emerged in the Netherlands. In the Baroque period, the Netherlands was split into the Northern Netherlands (the Dutch Republic) and the Southern Netherlands (Flanders). Flanders was Catholic, whereas the Dutch Republic was Protestant; therefore, there is a sharp divide in the subject matter and styles of Baroque art in each region. Nonetheless, the two regions remained geographically and historically connected and shared an earlier Renaissance tradition that influenced the art of each region. Although Baroque art in the Netherlands has a distinctly local flair, there is clear evidence of Italian influence, suggesting the international character of Baroque art.

Unit 2 Time Advisory

This unit will take you approximately 34 hours to complete.

- Subunit 2.1: 1 hour
- Subunit 2.2: 2 hours

- Subunit 2.3: 31 hours
 - Subunit 2.3.1: 3 hours
 - Subunit 2.3.2: 4 hours
 - Subunit 2.3.4.1: 2 hours
 - Subunit 2.3.4.2: 8 hours
 - Subunit 2.3.5: 5 hours
 - Subunit 2.3.6: 4 hours
 - Museum Visits: 5 hours

Unit 2 Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this unit, students will be able to:

- Discuss the cultural and religious differences between the Northern Netherlands (the Dutch Republic) and the Southern Netherlands (Flanders).

- Explain the shift in the political and religious climate of both regions that allowed for the emergence of new, distinct artistic styles.
- Describe the way in which the Flemish Baroque style met the demands of Flemish culture in the 17th century.
- Describe the way in which the Dutch Baroque style met the needs of Dutch culture in the 17th century.
- Discuss the similarities and differences between the arts of Flanders and the Dutch Republic.
- Identify the major sources of influence (local and foreign) on Flemish and Dutch Baroque art.
- Discuss the importance of Baroque art in the Netherlands in a larger context, understanding how the art of this region relates to the other arts of the European Baroque.
- Identify the major works of art and artists of Baroque art in the Netherlands.