We will take up 3 arts in this course: Music, Painting, and Poetry.

Re: Music. Why is classical music dying? What is the deep nature of Jazz? Are Rap and Hip Hop more a kind of spoken poetry than a kind of music? Etc.


Re: Painting. How should we compare Abstract Art with Representational Art? Why is it that at art auctions in London and New York some modern paintings are sold for as much as $70 million? What is going on here? Etc.

Re: Philosophy. Are the arts important for having a worthwhile life? What is the nature of creativity? Is film the most successful of all the arts in the 20th Century? Etc.