

Apple in visual art

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Apple as a symbol

- The apple is a very old and popular theme in culture. It appears in many artifacts of culture, starting of mythology and ending with logo of probably the biggest corporation in the field of electronics.
- The symbol of apple has a lot of meanings, for example eternity, abundance, fertility, sin, spring, health, evil and feud.

Henryk Siemiradzki „The Judgement of Paris”



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- This painting, as well as the following ones, presents discord of the mythological goddesses who wanted to know who of them is the most beautiful one. God Paris was supposed to give a verdict.
- In these pictures apple symbolises discord.

Victor Brauner „Adam and Eve”



- In this picture we can see Adam and Eve, the first man and woman and the ancestors of all humans, who objects of God's order. In consequence they were expelled from Paradise and God punished all human kind with original sin.
- In this picture apple means ancestral sin or devil.

Johannes Van Hoytl „The Boy with Apple”



- In Renaissance apple was a symbol of lordship, royalty or wealth.
- This painting appeared in film „The Grand Budapest Hotel” directed by Wes Anderson in 2012

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„The Apple”



- In modern art apple is also a very popular theme. Admiring some masterpieces we can see that the way of its depiction has changed, but some of the former meanings are still actual.
- This sculpture can embody corporeality, sensuality or eroticism.