Key Ideas: Venetian Painting

- Venice was an independent oligarchy, ruled by an elected doge, and was wealthy from trade. The city emerged as a major center of Renaissance art in the last quarter of the 15th century.
- After exposure to Netherlandish paintings of the 15th century, Venetian painters were first in Italy to use oil paints on panel and canvas, achieving brilliant effects in color and depiction of light.
- Venetian painters were innovative in conveying a mood or emotion; sometimes paintings lack narrative clarity!



Cima da Conegliano, *Madonna and Child*, 1500-1504, oil on panel. (55.4)

Italian Art: 15th Century Venice Bellini, *San Giobbe Altarpiece*, 1478. 15.4 feet x 8.4 feet, oil on panel. This is a "*sacra conversazione*."





Italian Art: 16th Century Venice

21-24: Giorgione, *The Tempest*, 1505, Oil on canvas.

What's a story for the scene you see here?

This is an example of "poesie."



Italian Art: 16th Century Venice

21-28: Titian, Venus of Urbino, 1538, Oil on canvas. (Inset,

Cassone, 15th century, 16.747





Titian, *The Temptation of Christ*, about 1530, oil on panel, 25.30

What kind of mood has Titian established in this scene?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDUTCtMMSto

Italian Art: 16th Century Venice

Jacopo and
Francesco da
Ponte (Bassano),
The Element of
Water, 1576-77,
oil on canvas,
94.45.

This is a nocturne (night scene).



Key Ideas: Mannerism, 1525-1600

- First appearing in Florence and Rome, then spreading north, Mannerism is derived from the Italian word "maniera." "Mannerism developed into an anti-Classical movement in which artificiality, grace, and elegance took priority over the ordered balance and lifelike references…of High Renaissance art." (Stokstad, 661)
- Although inspired by the masters of the High Renaissance, Mannerist artists defied the classical orders of rationality and uniformity, breaking away somehow—with color, composition, proportions, or narrative clarity—from those ideals in painting, sculpture, and architecture.
- Mannerism also reflects some of the unsettled conditions (political and religious) throughout Europe.



21-30: Jacopo da Pontormo, *Deposition*, 1525-1528, Oil and tempera on wood panel.



21-31: Parmigianino, *Madonna of the Long Neck*, 1535-1540, Oil on panel.



Did Michelangelo's later work exhibit Mannerist style?

Tomb of Guiliano de'Medici, 1519-1534. Vestibule of the Laurentian Library, 1550s. Church of San Lorenzo, Florence.



Giorgio Vasari, Six Tuscan Poets, 1544, oil on panel, 71.24 (on extended loan in a Mannerism exhibition!)



Bronzino, *Portrait of a Young Man*, c. 1530s, Oil on wood. (Inset, Raphael, *Baldassare Castiglione*,





16th Century (Mannerism)
Artist Unknown, *Portrait of a Noblewoman*, English, c.
1550, oil on panel, 87.6 (Inset, Bronzino, *Portrait of Eleonora of Toledo*, 1539-1543.)







Studio of Jacopo Tintoretto, *The Raising of Lazarus*, 1570-1580s, oil on canvas, 83.74 (inset, Workshop of Jacopo Tintoretto, *Portrait of Dogaressa Morosina Morosini*, 1570–80, 24.4



16th Century (Mannerism)

El Greco, *Christ Driving the Money Changers from the Temple*, about 1570, 24.1. How does this painting depart from the ideals of the High Renaissance?



16th Century (Mannerism)

El Greco, Christ Driving the Money Changers from the Temple, about 1570, 24.1 a,d Christ Cleansing the Temple, probably before 1570, National Gallery of Art.



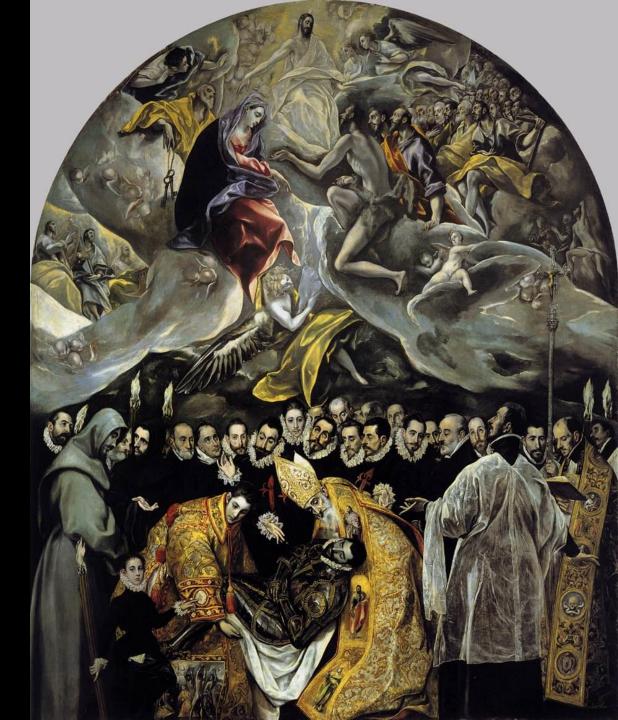


Titian, Michelangelo, Giulio Clovio and Raphael...

Mannerist Art: 16th
Century

22-19: El Greco, Burial of Count Orgaz, 1586, Oil on canvas.





16th Century Mannerist Sculpture



21-37(right): Giovanni da Bologna, *The Capture of a Sabine Woman*, Marble, 13' 6", 1581-1582. (Above is 21-36: Cellini, *Saltcellar of Francis I*, 1540-1543.)

