

Glossary

Primitivism:

Primitivism is a Western art movement that borrows visual forms from non-Western or prehistoric peoples, such as Paul Gauguin's inclusion of Tahitian motifs in paintings and ceramics. Borrowings from primitive art have been important to the development of modern art.

Dynamism:

The quality of being characterized by vigorous activity and progress. The theory that phenomena of matter or mind are due to the action of forces rather than to motion or matter.

Commissariat:

A department for the supply of food and equipment, a government department of the USSR before 1946.