American Art: History and Culture

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The culture of the United States includes traditions, regional customs, institutions, art and so much more. The culture can largely be referred to as "Western" culture, as much of it is shared with the Western world, but there are still influences that come from Asia, Africa and Latin America. These states are grouped because of their colonial history, which included town meeting governances and a general feeling of community spirit. Some of the best universities and schools in the world exist here such as Harvard, Yale, and many other Ivy League colleges. An example of traditional American art. During this period, most artists focused primarily on realism, painting landscapes and portraits of important individuals.