



AP[®] Art History 2001 Sample Student Responses

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SECTION II—Part A
Time—60 minutes
7 Questions

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These slides typify art during the reign of ^{amen-hotep,} ~~akhenaten~~ pharaoh, art known as the Amarna style. The slide on the left shows the enormous lips, elongated forehead and chin, and elongated neck of the pharaoh. This ~~work~~ illustrates how art during his reign was different from the standardized canon of that came before him. However, this pharaoh retains the beard of the old canon. It is less idealized. The slide on the right shows *episine* (male and female characteristics) typical of this pharaoh's reign. Instead of the rigid, ideal blocky canon, this work has curving, natural hips. In the canon established before his time ~~the~~ the pharaoh had wide shoulders to narrow hips. ^{to show his power} In art during

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Amen Hotep's reign however, he as the pharaoh is shown with physical irregularities, curving hips, and not so wide shoulders. ~~He is still powerful~~ This conveys his power.

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This pharaoh is from the new kingdom. At the time of his reign Amarna style was being used. The pharaoh has an elongated head and body. His lips and chin are extremely large. The characteristics of these enlarged parts suggest the disorder, gigantism, which the pharaoh may have had. He is slender, with a narrow waist, but has the typical protruding gut of Amarna.