**TOK – The Arts Name:**

**What is art? Partner’s name:**

*(just for reference; each partner needs to complete their own)*

**Directions** –with a partner go through the discussion questions, exploring the links where applicable, and recording your answers. Each partner should fill out their own discussion sheet for credit and turn it in at the end of the period. *(And it is OK to not have the same answer if you do not agree.)*

1. [What is art](http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/art-definition/)?
2. What is beauty? – Aesthetic judgement
3. What role does art play in society?  [Should we encourage art](http://www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk/about/news/2014/may/preeminent-figures-from-the-art-world-discuss-what-constitutes-as-art-today/)?
4. Do artists have an obligation to society?
5. What does it take to know art?
6. What art speaks to you?
7. What is art supposed to do?  [Provoke](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-32139657)?  Please? [NY Times](http://harpers.org/blog/2011/12/tolstoy-the-chain-of-ideas-that-constitutes-art/)
8. And again, having gone through the questions and considered more, what is art? – [NY times](http://query.nytimes.com/mem/archive-free/pdf?res=990CE6D61539E03ABC4C51DFB366838F669FDE)