

## **Major Subject Matter Types (Traditional):**

**Historical:** artwork depicts an actual event from recorded history

**Religious:** artwork depicts a scene from a biblical or other religious text or religious figures in a setting created by the artist

**Mythological:** artwork depicts a scene and/or figures from the myths of (usually) ancient Greece and Rome

**Portraits:** artwork depicts a large image of an actual person or persons (usually known to the artist)

**Self-Portraits:** artwork depicts an image of the artist him/herself

**Genre:** artwork depicts a scene of typical everyday life; people shown are usually unidentified

**Landscape:** artwork depicts an outdoors scene, where people are either not shown or they are small/unimportant

**Seascape:** artwork depicts a scene of the sea, often with boats or ships on the sea and devoid of people

**Still-life:** artwork depicts fruit, flowers an/or other inanimate objects as the main subject; people are often not shown; often has a hidden moral message

- Subjects in **RED**: Literary or text-based subjects; usually large format
- Subjects in **GREEN**: Human/People-based subjects; usually mid-size format
- Subjects in **BLUE**: Recording/copying of what is seen only; no people, no story; usually small format