



# MEANING MAKING IN THE ARTS DISCIPLINES

## DANCE • MEDIA ARTS • MUSIC • THEATRE • VISUAL ARTS

Meaning can be conveyed in the arts through a variety of methods such as making art, creating a performance, or drafting a printed document about an artistic endeavor.

Text refers to print and non-print forms or an arts discipline. To “read” is to derive meaning. When one derives meaning from an arts discipline, one is “reading it”

### Examples of text in **DANCE**:

- A dance performance, live or recorded
- An article critiquing a performance
- Labanotation or other written form of choreography

### Examples of text in **MEDIA ARTS**:

- A photograph, logo, or film
- A manual or guide for software or applications
- An article critiquing a film or documentary

### Examples of text in **MUSIC**:

- A musical score
- A concert or musical performance, live or recorded
- Program notes for a specific performance

### Examples of text in **THEATRE**:

- A lighting plot or blocking/staging notes
- A script or spoken dialogue in improvisation
- A play or musical performance, live or recorded

### Examples of text in **VISUAL ARTS**:

- A drawing, painting, sculpture, or installation
- Mockups and sketchbooks
- An artist’s statement for an artwork, exhibit, or show