## The Color Purple

From Snail Mucus to Monarchy (Part 2)

## Mark Rothko (1903-1970)

- Mark Rothko, born Markus Yakovlevich Rothkowitz, was an American abstract painter of Latvian Jewish descent. He is best known for his color field paintings that depicted irregular and painterly rectangular regions of color, which he produced from 1949 to 1970.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5IFPsOUDLU
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phACDEM2G8o




## The Rothko Chapel

The Rothko Chapel is a non-denominational chapel in Houston, Texas, founded by John and Dominique de Menil. The interior serves not only as a chapel, but also as a major work of modern art: on its walls are fourteen paintings by Mark Rothko in varying hues of black.
https://publicdelivery.org/mark-rothko-chapel/


## Sam Gilliam (1933-2022)

Sam Gilliam was an American color field painter and lyrical abstractionist artist. Gilliam was associated with the Washington Color School, a group of Washington, D.C.-area artists that developed a form of abstract art from color field painting in the 1950s and 1960s.

- https://smarthistory.org/seeing-america-2/sam-gilliam-purpled-chasers-series/







## Purple in Contemporary Art

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jlAk1JJevA


## Bisa Butler

Bisa Butler is an American fiber artist who has created a new genre of quilting that has transformed the medium. Although quilting has long been considered a craft, her interdisciplinary methods -- which create quilts that look like paintings -- have catapulted quilting into the field of fine art.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvtgYv7UaPI






## Assignment Suggestions...

- Create an artwork using only shades of purple
- Create an artwork using purple and analogous colors (reds and blues)
- Create an artwork using shades of purple and its complement (yellows)
- How does purple make you feel? Convey that feeling in an artwork.

