# aesthetic

# [i:s'θetik] *п* художественные взгляды

one's personal aesthetic - чьи-л. эстетические воззрения

- 2. = aesthete
- 2. [i:s'θetik] a
  - 1. 1) эстетический
  - 2) чувствующий красоту, имеющий развитой вкус
  - 2. чувственный (о познании)

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aes-thet-ic (NAmE also es-thet-ic) adjective, noun BrE [i s 0et k BrE [es'0et k]

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## NAmE [es'0etik]

#### adjective

- 1. concerned with beauty and art and the understanding of beautiful things
- an aesthetic appreciation of the landscape
- The benefits of conservation are both financial and aesthetic.
- 2. made in an artistic way and beautiful to look at
  - Their furniture was more aesthetic than functional.

#### Word Origin:

late 18th cent. (in the sense 'relating to perception by the senses'): from Greek aisthētikos, from aisthēta 'perceptible things', from aisthesthai 'perceive'. The sense 'concerned with beauty' was first used in German in the mid 18th cent. and adopted into English in the early 19th cent., but its use was controversial until much later in the century.

#### Example Bank:

• The works of art are judged on purely aesthetic grounds.

Derived Words <sup>†</sup>aesthetically = <sup>†</sup>aestheticism

#### noun

- 1. countable the <sup>†</sup>aesthetic qualities and ideas of sth
- The students debated the aesthetic of the poems.
- 2. aesthetics uncountable the branch of philosophy that studies the principles of beauty, especially in art

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#### See also: 1es-

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#### I. aes thet ic<sup>1</sup> BrE AmE , esthetic /i□s□θet ks- \$ es-/ adjective

[Date: 1800-1900 Language: Greek, Origin: aisthetikos, from aisthanesthai 'to experience with the senses']

#### connected with beauty and the study of beauty:

- From an esthetic point of view, it's a nice design.
- a work of great aesthetic appeal

#### -aesthetically /-kli/ adverb:

aesthetically pleasing

#### II. aesthetic<sup>2</sup> BrE AmE noun formal

- 1. aesthetics [uncountable] the study of beauty, especially beauty in art
- 2. [countable] a set of principles about beauty or art:
  - a new aesthetic

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#### THESAURUS

• beauty the quality of being very attractive to look at - used about people, objects, and places: She was greatly admired for her beauty and intelligence. | the natural beauty of the landscape. | The Ancient Greeks created statues of outstanding beauty and dignity.

• sb's good looks someone's attractive appearance, especially their face and features: With his dark good looks, Jason could have been a film star.

• glamour an exciting quality which makes someone or something seem attractive and connected with wealth and success: Men loved her for her beauty and her glamour. | Add a black lace top for a touch of glamour.

• aesthetic adjective connected with beauty and the study of beauty: The aesthetic value of their work is easy to appreciate. | the declining aesthetic standards of our civilization | The aesthetic qualities in a Buddhist sculpture are similar to those in any other work of art.

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