Summer Reading List for First Year History of Art Students

This is a short list of attractive titles (and websites), any of which you might enjoy looking at over the summer before you come up to Oxford. Try reading about periods and subjects with which you are unfamiliar. Study at Oxford will entail widening your horizons, and these writers and their books should help you to embark on this now. Notice and think critically, as you read, not only about the material discussed, but about the particular methods used by the writer. Naturally, further titles can be recommended on request.

E.H. Gombrich, *The Story of Art* (1950 and later edns)


Michael Greenhalgh, *The Classical Tradition in Art from the Fall of the Roman Empire to the time of Ingres* (1978)


Michael Baxandall, *Painting and Experience in Fifteenth Century Italy: A Primer in the Social History of Pictorial Style* (1972 and later edns)


Craig Harbison, *The Mirror of the Artist; Northern Renaissance Art in its Historical Context* (1995)


James Clifford, *Routes: Travel and Translation in the Late Twentieth Century* (1997)


http://www.bbc.co.uk/ahistoryoftheworld/explorerflash/#/object_rxxK1FgBQNSsipmXhClAXQ

http://artuk.org/

http://www.culture24.org.uk/home