

What are the Humanities?

The funder of this grant, the National Endowment for the Humanities, defines the humanities as the study and interpretation of the following:

- *language, both modern and classical*
- *linguistics*
- *literature*
- *history*
- *jurisprudence*
- *philosophy*
- *archaeology*
- *comparative religion*
- *ethics*
- *the history, criticism and theory of the arts*
- *those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods*
- *The study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.*

[National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended]

