**Distinction between Modernism and Postmodernism**: Post-modernism is the term used to suggest a reaction or response to modernism. So, postmodernism can only be understood in relation to modernism. At its core, postmodernism rejects that which modernism champions. While postmodernism seems very much like modernism in many ways, it differs from modernism in its attitude toward a lot of these trends.

1. Modernism is a school of thought that took place in late 1800s and early 1900s, while postmodernism is a school of thought that took place after World War II, but it gained popularity in the 1960s.
2. Modernism places faith in the ideas, values, beliefs, culture, and norms of the West, whereas postmodernism rejects Western values and beliefs as only a small part of the human experience and often rejects such ideas, beliefs, culture, and norms.
3. Modernism advocated rational [thinking](http://www.differencebetween.net/science/nature/difference-between-thinking-and-critical-thinking/) and the use of science and reason for the advancement of man, while postmodernism believed in the irrationality of things. It used an unscientific approach to life and believed that all things are irrational. Postmodernists believed in chance and transience. They questioned the rationality of modernism, its principles and thinking.
4. The modernist era was characterized by the simple and elegant original works of gifted artists, while the postmodernist era was characterized by the advancement in technology and its use in different media and its use in music, art, and literature. Postmodernist get their inspiration and basis from the original works of modernist.
5. Modernists believed in universal truth, while postmodernists did not. Postmodernism advocates the belief that there is no universal truth.

Postmodernists were very political while modernists were not. The modernist were