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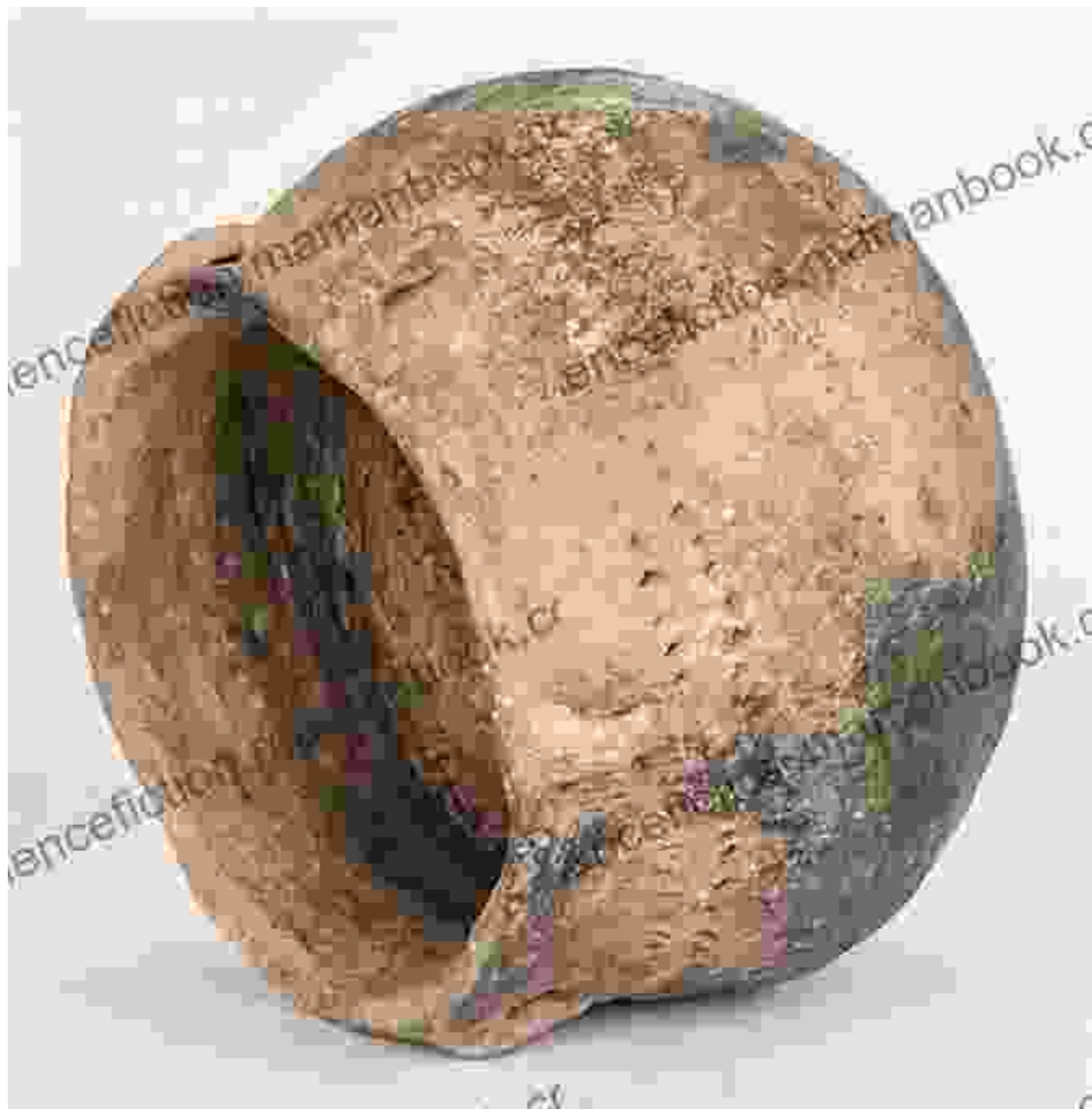


Images of skeletal human remains have a long and complex history in art. From the ancient Egyptians to the contemporary artist Damien Hirst, artists have used bones to explore themes of mortality, the human condition, and the cycle of life and death.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in juxtaposing images of skeletal human remains with photographs of Mississippian art.

Mississippian art is a style of Native American art that flourished in the southeastern United States from around 1000 to 1600 CE. Mississippian art is characterized by its intricate geometric designs, often featuring human figures and animals.

The juxtaposition of skeletal human remains with Mississippian art creates a powerful visual dialogue that invites viewers to reflect on the transience of life, the beauty of the human form, and the enduring legacy of ancient civilizations.



The haiku is a traditional Japanese form of poetry that consists of three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second line,

and five syllables in the third line. Haiku poems are often characterized by their simplicity, brevity, and focus on nature.

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in using haiku poems to accompany photographs of skeletal human remains and Mississippian art. The haiku poems provide a lyrical and evocative counterpoint to the visual images, inviting viewers to reflect on the deeper meanings of the artwork.



A photograph of a skeletal human skull adorned with Mississippian shell gorgets. The skull is a reminder of the transience of life, while the shell gorgets are a symbol of beauty and resilience. The juxtaposition of the two objects creates a powerful visual dialogue that invites viewers to reflect on the complexities of human existence.

The following haiku poem by Jane Hirshfield accompanies the photograph of the skeletal human skull adorned with Mississippian shell gorgets:

Bones beneath the skin, Adorned with beauty's grace,

Life's eternal dance.

The haiku poem captures the tension between the transience of life and the enduring legacy of human creativity. The bones beneath the skin are a reminder of our mortality, while the shell gorgets are a symbol of beauty and resilience. The juxtaposition of the two images creates a powerful visual and poetic meditation on the human condition.



The following haiku poem by Robert Hass accompanies the photograph of the skeletal human torso adorned with Mississippian copper plates:

Beneath the fragile flesh, A strength that time cannot break,

The spirit's eternal flame.

The haiku poem celebrates the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity. The skeletal torso is a reminder of our mortality, but the copper plates are a symbol of strength and endurance. The juxtaposition of the two images creates a powerful visual and poetic meditation on the human condition.

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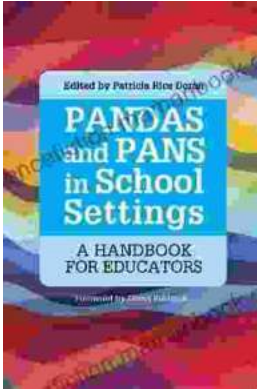
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