Baroque Art  Caravaggio  Unscramble It!  Name: __________

The Baroque time period occurred from approximately 1600-1730. In art the style aimed at depicting drama and emotion through movement and strong contrasting light effects on their subject matter. (Chiaroscuro)

Caravaggio, David with the Head of Goliath, 1601.

His self portrait as Goliath’s severed head, held by David his executioner, was sent to the papal court in 1610 as a kind of painted petition for pardon.

Caravaggio’s approach to painting was unconventional. He avoided the standard method of making copies of old sculptures and instead took the more direct approach of painting directly onto canvas without drawing first. He also used people from the street as his models. His dramatic painting was enhanced with intense and theatrical lighting. Caravaggio’s fate was sealed when in 1606 he killed a man in a duel. He fled to Naples where he attempted to paint his way out of trouble, he became a Knight, but was then imprisoned in Malta and then finally he moved to Sicily. He was pardoned for murder in 1610, but he died of a fever attempting to return to Rome.