

What is REALISM?

Definiton of Realism from Dictionary.com:

n.

- An inclination toward literal truth and pragmatism.
- The representation in art or literature of objects, actions, or social conditions as they actually are, without idealization or presentation in abstract form.
- Philosophy. The scholastic doctrine, opposed to nominalism, that universals exist independently of their being thought. The modern philosophical doctrine, opposed to idealism, that physical objects exist independently of their being perceived.

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n 1: the attribute of accepting the facts of life and favoring practicality and literal truth [syn: pragmatism] 2: (philosophy) the philosophical doctrine that physical object continue to exist when not perceived [syn: naive realism] 3: the state of being actual or real; "the reality of his situation slowly dawned on him" [syn: reality, realness] [ant: unreality] 4: an artistic movement in 19th century France; artists and writers strove for detailed realistic and factual description [syn: naturalism] 5: (philosophy) the philosophical doctrine that abstract concepts exist independent of their names [syn: Platonism]