

Albrecht Dürer, Sketch for a Memorial to the Peasants' War (1525)

Abstract

This is an Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528) sketch of an unbuilt memorial to the peasant rebels of 1525. The sketch parodies monuments to the royal and princely warlords who fought against the untrained, ill-equipped, and overmatched peasants. The memorial consists of various objects from peasant life (mostly agricultural tools) arranged in columnar form. On top of the column is a peasant in the pose of the resting Christ. He has been stabbed in the back with a sword.

Source



Source: Albrecht Dürer, Design for a Memorial to the Peasants' War, in: Albrecht Dürer, *Vnderweysung der Messung: mit dem Zirkel vn[d] Richtscheyt in Linien, Eben vnnd gantzen Corporen*, Nürnberg 1525. Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, <https://www.digitale-sammlungen.de/view/bsb00084858?page=94,95>

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