

HAITIAN ART TERMS

HAITI Island country in the Caribbean Sea near Cuba

VOODOO Religion of the People

HOUNFOR Temple

HOUNGAN Priest

HOUNSIS Helpers to the Priest

MAMBO Assistant to the Priest

ASSON Sacred (holy) rattle of the priest or helper

LOA Spirit

VENER Design on the floor, made of flour or ash to form a symbolic design (picture) of the loa

MARASSA First People—Divine twins. All other people come from them



NAME Loa = Spirit	FUNCTION (work)	COLOR	SYMBOL (sign)
1. Legba	Loa of the crossroads Keeper of the gate	white	cross or tree
2. Ghede	Loa of the Dead	black	black cross with skull (death head)
3. Oguon	Loa of power, war, strength	red	sword
4. Agoue	Loa of the sea	blue & white	anchor or fish
5. LaSirène	Loa of the sea or water	blue	mermaid
6. Erzulie	Loa of love	pink	pierced heart or mirror
7. Dambala	Loa of fertility (ready for life, maker, starter,) or life and wisdom	white	twin snakes rainbow = waters of heavens, rivers & springs