

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Avarice, Lust, Pride, Envy, Gluttony, Ire and Sloth.

- **Assign a sin to each of the seven characters in this old Russian postcard.**
- **Just for fun, decide which two sins apply to yourself. Did a partner in the class who knows you well independently choose the same two?**
- **Are these categories of human failing tied specifically to the Christian tradition (like the four cardinal virtues) or are they universal, to a large extent transcending different cultures around the world?**
- **What is the difference between a “guilt culture” and a “shame culture”? In good TOK fashion illustrate your response with some examples.**
- **Identifying the sins in the Otto Dix painting is trickier than in the Russian postcard. Check your best attempt against a good online source.**



Otto Dix (1933) *The Seven Deadly Sins*. Oil/egg tempera on wood.
Staatliche Kunsthalle, Karlsruhe, Germany

