

How to Access Free Art Images

Exposing students to fine art images is an important part of any fine arts curriculum.

Use this handout to understand where and how to access free fine art images to show students to support curriculum-development work and instruction.

Did You know?

- Educational fair use allows copyrighted material to be used without permission under certain guidelines, such as teaching. Use your best judgment and research when choosing to use something in your classroom based on educational fair use.
- In the United States, a copyright is only good for seventy years after the death of the artist. Older images do not have copyrights and can be shared freely.

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- Did you know that the internet has allowed art teachers to have unlimited access to over 700,000 art images and counting? Museums around the world have published high-resolution images for free for non-commercial use. Currently, art teachers are able to access 400,000 images from the Metropolitan Museum of Art; 87,000 from the Getty; 125,000 from the Rijksmuseum; 35,000 from the National Gallery of Art and the list continues to grow.
- Google Arts and Culture alone contains 57,000 works of art. It's a nice place to start when looking for art images and supplemental information for classroom use.
 - Explore major monuments with 360° Videos and Street View.
 - View thousands of pieces of fine art in the collections area and filter by topics such as "art movement," "media," and "artist."
 - Explore artwork up close in high definition with the Art Camera.
 - Virtually visit some of the top museums around the world.