

Museum Resources for Teachers and Parents

Educators at the Ackland have compiled some of their favorite museum resources from around the web—from kid-friendly audio guides and virtual tours to interactive lessons and learning opportunities.

Self-Guided Virtual Tours of Museums Around the World:

- [The National Gallery, London, United Kingdom](#)
Virtual tour of the National Gallery, highlighting over three hundred paintings with artist and artwork information. This website requires Adobe Flash.
- [National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C., United States](#)
Virtual tours of the museum's collection (animals, minerals, skeletons, Egyptian mummies, etc.) and select exhibitions – label text is easy to read.
- [Google: Arts and Culture](#)
Explore global museum collections and archives including the Metropolitan Museum of Art (US), Rijksmuseum (Netherlands), Museo Frida Kahlo (Mexico), Acropolis Museum (Greece), and the National Museum of Asian Art (US)

Online Museum Audio Guides (With Images) for Ages 5 – 12:

- [Audio Guide for Kids, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, United States](#)
Select audio guides highlighting past exhibitions which include *Archibald Motley: Jazz Age Modernist* and *Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection*.
- [Audio Guide for Kids, Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States](#)
Collection based audio guide focusing on over twenty works of art including Vincent van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, and Andy Warhol.
- [Video/Audio Guide for Kids, National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C, United States](#)
This resource highlights nearly fifty individual close looking art videos created for K-5 audiences.

Interactive Online-Learning Experiences for K12 Students and Teachers:

- [Metkids, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States](#)
Interactive website for children ages 7-12 and includes an interactive map highlighting objects from the Met's collection, age appropriate videos, and art making projects to do at home.
- [Tate Kids, London, United Kingdom](#)
Interactive resource for K-5 students which includes games, videos about art, and art making ideas.
- [Frist Kids, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, United States](#)
Age appropriate resources for K12 students with art and architecture videos and art making projects.
- [Smithsonian 3D, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., United States](#)
Interactive resource highlighting three-dimensional images of the Smithsonian collection.
- [Art School, KQED Arts production, San Francisco, United States](#)
Online resource featuring video interviews and hands-on demonstrations with contemporary visual and performing artists. Appropriate for middle and high school audiences.

- [Educator Resources, Art21](#)
Web resource focusing on contemporary art and artists – includes videos, articles, and artist interviews. Appropriate for middle and high school audiences.
- [The Museum of the World, British Museum, London, United Kingdom](#)
An interactive resource with audio, text, and themes to highlight objects from across time and the world. Appropriate for middle school and high school audiences.
- [Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, United States](#)
Online essays and visual timeline using thematic and geographical exploration of global art history through the Met’s collection.
- [Art & Life in Africa, Stanley Museum of Art, University of Iowa, Iowa City, United States](#)
Educational resource highlighting over one hundred cultures and people living in Africa. Resources includes essays, artwork, and contextual images. Appropriate for middle and high school audiences.
- [Education Resources, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, United States](#)
Online resources including grade level lesson plans that cover various topics, age appropriate videos, and essays focusing on Asian art and artists.
- [NCMA Learn, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, United States](#)
Web resources with lesson plans, artist interviews, and thematic connections to NCMA artworks.
- [Explore and Learn, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C, United States](#)
An interactive resource for educators and K12 students with videos, podcasts, and access to the Smithsonian’s collections.
- [Tools for Teaching and Learning, Exploratorium, San Francisco, United States](#)
Website with age appropriate videos, educator resources, and hands-on science and art activities that can be done with everyday materials.

K12 Curriculum-Focused Web Resources:

- [Resources for National Audiences, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., United States](#)
Curriculum connections by grade level and discipline using the Smithsonian Institution collections.
- [Classroom Resources, The Kennedy Center, Washington D.C., United States](#)
Digital learning resources which include lesson plans, articles, and video and audio resources.
- [Teacher Resources, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., United States](#)
Classroom materials to help teachers effectively use primary sources from the Library's collections.

K12 Educator Online Professional Development:

- [Art History, Khan Academy](#)
An overarching art history learning tool that covers prehistoric art to today. Resources includes short essays, videos, and quizzes. Appropriate for high school and adult learners.
- [Online Professional Development Courses, Museum of Modern Art, New York, United States](#)
Free online courses (through Coursera) focusing on the MoMA’s collection and special exhibitions. Join Coursera for free, enroll for the course, and complete at your own pace.