**MUSEUM WEBSITES WITH ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**

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**Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY:** <http://www.metmuseum.org/>

* Click on ‘Learn’ and then ‘Kids’ for the #metkids pages, which include an interactive map, a time machine, and videos of all sorts. There are also interesting short videos for Teens that you can find through the ‘Learn’ link.
* At <http://www.metmuseum.org/metmedia>, click on ‘Kids’ Zone’ and scroll down (past all the #metkids links) to find:
* “Romare Bearden: Let’s Walk the Block” (there are a number of links to explore – e.g., click on ‘Things to Do’ and you’ll find ‘Can You Find It?’ as well as suggestions ‘For Parents & Teachers’).
* “Sing-Along” (ages 3-7), e.g., “Cezanne’s Apples” (sung to the tune of “Frere Jacques”)
* “The Tomb of Perneb” – one of the activities for this web page on an Egyptian tomb includes directions for making your own papyrus scroll (out of newspaper) and writing hieroglyphics

**Museum of Modern Art, NY:** <http://www.moma.org>

* “Destination: Modern Art. An Intergalactic Journey to MoMA and MoMA PS1” – To find this page for children age 5-8 to explore the museum (with an alien!), click on ‘Learn’ at the bottom of the museum’s home page, then ‘Kids and Families’ > ‘Apps and Websites.’
* “Red Studio” is a website constructed with the help of high school students to address their questions about modern art. To find this page, go to the museum’s home page and click on ‘Learn’ > ‘K-12 Teachers’ > ‘Online.’
* “Five Tips for Teaching with Works of Art” (4-min. video) - click on ‘Learn’ > ‘K-12 Teachers’ > ‘MoMA Learning’
* For a wonderful long list of powerpoints and worksheets on various aspects of modern art that you can download, click on ‘Learn’ > ‘K-12 Teachers’ > ‘Online’ > ‘MoMA Learning’ > ‘Tools and Tips.’

**Tate Modern, London**: <http://www.tate.org.uk>

* “Tate Kids” - Click on ‘Learn’ at the top of the museum home page and scroll down to ‘Tate Kids.’ You’ll find a lot of fun games and videos, as well as instructions for various crafts. The games are designated with stars as beginning (e.g., “Cold Corners”), intermediate (e.g., “Memento Mori”), and advanced (“Art Detective”).

**J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles & Malibu:** <http://www.getty.edu>

* “GettyGames” (e.g., “Detail Detective,” to test detail-finding skills, “Switch,” to identify the changes between two almost identical works, “Match Madness,” to test memory and matching skills, and “Jigsaw Puzzles”) – From the museum home page, click on ‘Museum’ > ‘Education’ > ‘Kids and Families’ > ‘To Do at Home’

**National Gallery, Washington, D.C.**: <http://www.nga.gov>

* From the home page, click on ‘Education’ > ‘NGAkids,’ to find lots of on-line art-making tools, as well as:
* “Lizzy & Gordon” – animated musical story for ages 3-10, exploring the sculpture garden
* “Adventures in Art” – excellent close looks at a series of paintings in the museum, interactive and aimed at kids
* “Children’s Guides” – on the list of options at the right, you’ll find “Children’s Guides – Inside Scoop” which leads you to a number of pdfs that can be downloaded and printed out (or go to **[http://www.nga.gov/kids/linkguides.htm](http://www.nga.gov/kids/linkguides.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)**
* Click on ‘Education’ > ‘Teachers’ to find lessons and activities, teaching packets, and videos.

**Louvre Museum, Paris:** <http://www.louvre.fr/en>

* From the museum homepage, click on ‘Learning about Art’ to find:
* “A Closer Look” – “Our ‘Closer Look’ interactive multimedia modules allow you to see the details of an artwork through a magnifying glass, while commentaries and animations give you its historical and artistic background.”
* “The Elements of Art” – “The dynamic format of the ‘Elements of Art’ feature was designed to provide an in-depth look at art-related concepts through a lively approach based on visual demonstration. The videos explore a range of topics by comparing artworks of different kinds, from different periods.”
* “Tales of the Museum: Discover the Secret Life of the Artworks!” – a fun and interactive way for kids to learn more about objects in the Louvre, with some cartoon characters as well as photos of the art works.
* “Through Children’s Eyes” – “In these short videos, Louvre experts answer the questions of pupils from ages 5 to 11 about the museum and its artworks.” (in French, with English subtitles)

**Smithsonian American Art Museum, D.C.:** <http://www.americanart.si.edu>

* “Meet Me at Midnight” (best for kids 8-10) – explore the American Art Museum by going to the museum home page and clicking on ‘Education’ > ‘Education Resources’ > ‘Student Activities’. Here’s how the webpage introduces it: “Explore [*Meet Me at Midnight*](http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/online/midnight/), our new Web site for kids. But hang onto your backpack! This is one wild ride. After a field trip to the Smithsonian American Art Museum, you are magically taken to the galleries at night. Artworks are mixed up—all because of the troublesome [Root Monster](http://americanart.si.edu/collections/search/artwork/?id=3796)! To get back home, you have to solve mysteries—and help your new friends find their artworks. Through interactive games, visitors learn about visual art and experience the fun of museum-going.”
* Also on the ‘Student Activities’ page, you’ll find “Timeline: The Civil War and American Art” and “Picturing the 1930s.”
* “Bottlecaps to Brushes” (K-4) – The webpage explains, “‘Cappy’ the giraffe takes young children through an activity-based exploration of art and artists of the Smithsonian American Art Museum” - Go to the museum home page, click on ‘Education’ > ‘Education Resources’ > ‘Content Links’
* “Oh Freedom! Teaching African American Civil Rights Through American Art at the Smithsonian” (guide for teachers, grades 5-12) - Go to the museum home page, click on ‘Education’ > ‘Education Resources’ > ‘Content Links’

**British Museum, London:** <http://www.britishmuseum.org>

* “Ancient Egypt” - This separate British Museum site on ancient Egypt (not accessible from their main museum website) is worth checking out: <http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/menu.html>. It includes various games and challenges, most of which require the program Shockwave.
* You might also find some useful information on their main website (click on ‘Learning’ > ‘Schools and Teachers’ > ‘Resources for Your Visit or In the Classroom’), but most of it assumes that the school groups will be coming to the museum on field trips.

**Denver Art Museum:** <http://www.wackykids.org>

* This site, for kids around 8-10 years old, was designed by the education staff at the Denver Art Museum though it’s not linked to the museum’s home page.
* You’ll find “Ancient Egypt: Mummy Mysteries,” “Japan’s Samurai Warriors,” “Maya Rainforest Dwellers,” etc., and you can print out fun word searches, mazes, puzzles, and instructions for various activities like creating masks, mobiles, boxes, etc.

**St. Louis Museum of Art:** <https://www.slam.org/sfysculpture/>

* The "What is Sculpture?” series of web pages introduce late elementary through middle-school children to issues of scale, balance, shape/space, line, and texture in contemporary sculpture.
* The “Compare and Contrast” section sets up essay prompts for students.
* There are also videos with two contemporary sculptors.
* Click on the Online Student Sculpture Studio to see images of sculptures made by children.

**Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY:** <http://www.albrightknox.org>

* “ArtGames 2.0” – From the museum’s home page, click on ‘Education & Research’ > ‘Educator Resources’ > ‘ArtGames 2.0’ (if you aren’t able to download 2.0, scroll all the way to the bottom for the original ArtGames, and you’ll find simple games for elementary-school children, K-6)

**Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao:** <http://www.guggenheim-bilbao.es/en>

* “Your Adventure at the Museum” - From the museum’s home page, click on ‘Learn’ > ‘Children & Families’ and scroll all the way down to ‘Multimedia.’

**Also see:** “The Arts. Great Websites for Kids” (sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children) - <http://gws.ala.org/category/arts>