



## Art History Summer Assignment 2026-2027

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### **Art History Summer Assignment**

In your Art History class this year you will learn how to look at art and describe what you see with precision in addition to creating artwork inspired by historical and contemporary works of art through project based learning.

In preparation for the coming school year please complete the following Art History summer assignment.

Complete the assignment **in this document** (before school begins) and SUBMIT TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM (when you get assigned to one of the Art History teachers, and invited into their Google Classroom).

The summer assignment is also posted on the school website:\ <http://www.artanddesignhs.org/>

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### **Assignment: Take a Trip to an Art Museum**

Take a Trip to one of the Art Museums listed below or a gallery not on the list...

If you are going away for the whole summer, go to a museum wherever you are.

During your visit select two different artworks. For each artwork, complete the following:

1. Draw from observation
2. Photograph the artwork
3. Photograph the ***museum signage label*** that accompanies the artwork.

Two Sketches of two different artworks for 2 sketches total

#### **Sketching Specifications:**

**Size:** 8.5" x 11"



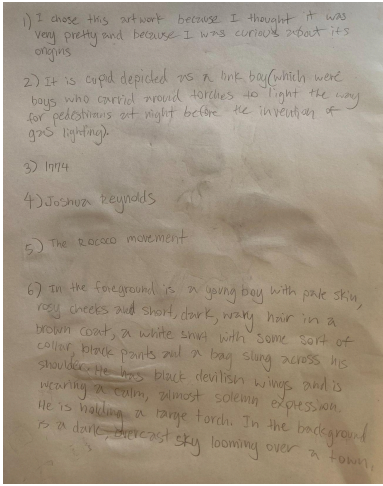
**Render with:** Your choice of medium (pencil, paint, ink, etc...)

**Write a short statement for each of the artworks/sketches for a total of 2 statements. Including the following criteria:**

1. Why did you choose this artwork to render  
- *What did you draw/paint this artwork?*
2. What is the subject matter of the artwork?  
- *What is the main focus of the artwork*
3. When is the artwork from?  
- *What is the date and/or time period?*
4. Who created the artwork?  
- *Which artist made the artwork?*
5. What artistic movement/culture does this artwork fall under?  
- *Location in the world*  
- *Impressionism, Baroque, Sub-Saharan African, Contemporary Photography, Renaissance, Tang Dynasty (Chinese), etc...*
6. Describe what you see in full and complete sentences  
- *What is happening in the artwork? What is the content of the artwork?*

**Take a photo of the museum label (title, year, artist, medium, and dimensions that help viewers access the artwork)**

**Exemplar: Museum label, drawing, and, answers to the questions**

<p><b>Museum Label</b></p> <p>Take a photo of the museum label (this is information like the title, year, artist, medium, and dimensions that help viewers access the artwork)</p>  <p>Georges-Pierre Seurat French, 1859-1891 Evening, Honfleur 1886 Oil on canvas, with painted wood frame Gift of Mrs. David M. Levy, 1957</p> <p>Explore how Seurat used dots of color to make this seascape. Enter 531 on MoMA Audio or <a href="http://moma.org/a531">moma.org/a531</a> on your phone. Or hear a detailed visual description or audio for kids.</p> <p>🎧 531 👁️ 78 😊 34</p>	<p><b>Drawing</b> From observation</p> 	<p><b>Answers to the questions</b> Based on the artwork you draw from observation</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why did you choose this artwork to render? 1) I chose this artwork because I thought it was very pretty and because I was curious about its origins.</li> <li>2. What is the subject matter of the artwork? 2) It is cupid depicted as a little boy (which were boys who carried around torches to light the way for pedestrians at night before the invention of gas lighting).</li> <li>3. When is the artwork from? 3) 1874</li> <li>4. Who created the artwork? 4) Joshua Reynolds</li> <li>5. What artistic movement/culture does this artwork fall under? 5) The rococo movement</li> <li>6. Describe what you see in full and complete sentences 6) In the foreground is a young boy with pale skin, rosy cheeks and short, dark, wavy hair in a brown coat, a white shirt with some sort of collar, black pants and a bag slung across his shoulder. He has black devilish wings and is wearing a calm, almost solemn expression. He is holding a large torch. In the background is a dark, overcast sky looming over a town.</li> </ol>
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## **New York Art Institutions to visit**

The Metropolitan Museum of Art <https://www.metmuseum.org/>

The Museum of Modern Art <https://www.moma.org/>

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum: Upper East Side <https://www.guggenheim.org/>

Whitney Museum of American Art: Meatpacking District (Lower Manhattan) <https://whitney.org/>

Brooklyn Museum: Prospect Park, Brooklyn, NY <https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/>

The Frick Collection: Lenox Hill <https://www.frick.org/>

New Museum of Contemporary Art: Lower East Side <https://www.newmuseum.org/>

MoMA PS1: Long Island City <https://www.moma.org/ps1>

The Met Breuer: Lenox Hill <https://www.metmuseum.org/visit/plan-your-visit/met-breuer>

The Jewish Museum: Central Park <https://thejewishmuseum.org/>

Neue Galerie New York: Upper East Side <https://www.neuegalerie.org/>

Studio Museum in Harlem: Harlem <https://studiomuseum.org/>

El Museo del Barrio: East Harlem <https://www.elmuseo.org/>

The Museum of Arts and Design (MAD): Midtown West <https://www.madmuseum.org/>

American Folk Art Museum: Upper West Side <https://folkartmuseum.org/>

The Rubin Museum of Art: Chelsea <https://rubinmuseum.org/>

Asia Society: Lenox Hill <https://asiasociety.org/>

The Morgan Library & Museum: Murray Hill <https://www.themorgan.org/>

Bronx Museum of the Arts: The Bronx <http://www.bronxmuseum.org/>

Queens Museum: Queens <https://queensmuseum.org/>

**Please complete the assignment below according to the directions above**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website link to the original artwork:** \_\_\_\_\_

Insert image of sketch 1 here

1. Why did you choose this artwork to render?

Answer for sketch 1:

2. What is the subject matter of the artwork?

Answer for sketch 1:

3. When is the artwork from?

Answer for sketch 1:

4. Who created the artwork?

Answer for sketch 1:

5. What artistic movement/culture does this artwork fall under?

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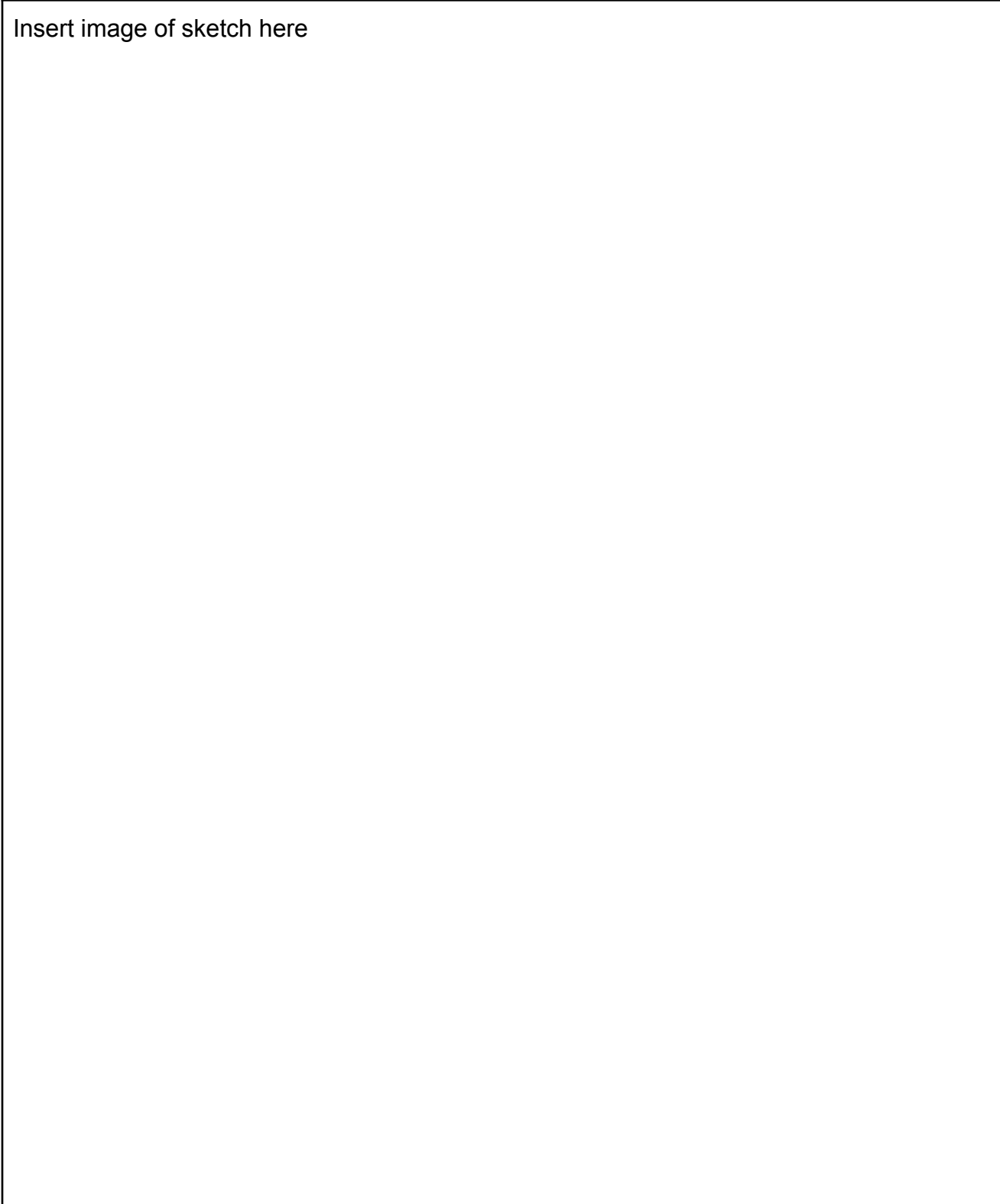
6. Describe what you see in full and complete sentences

Answer for sketch 1:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website link to the original artwork:** \_\_\_\_\_

Insert image of sketch here



1. Why did you choose this artwork to render?

Answer for sketch 2:

2. What is the subject matter of the artwork?

Answer for sketch 2:

3. When is the artwork from?

Answer for sketch 2:

4. Who created the artwork?

Answer for sketch 2:

5. What artistic movement/culture does this artwork fall under?

Answer for sketch 2:

6. Describe what you see in full and complete sentences

Answer for sketch 2: