

Design Your Own Tour

This step-by-step guide offers you practical tips for designing a tour experience in the museum that is meaningful, engaging, and fun—and that is tailored to the specific learning needs of your students.

1. Spark Your Students' Learning

What content or ideas do you want to focus on during your visit? Consider a theme that can best support your students' learning, such as daily life, materials, animals, color, portraits, identity, food, perspective, war, or music.



2. Select Your Artworks

Once you have your theme, identify related artworks or areas of the museum to explore during your visit. We encourage you to select works of art from across different time periods and cultures as a way to highlight multiple worldviews and promote cross-cultural understanding.

To select artworks, search the museum's [Collection](#) using keywords that connect to your theme. You can also refer to the quick searches of pre-established topics available at the top of the Collections page.

3. Activate Skills

Learning experiences in the museum engage multiple ways of knowing, including creative, emotional, sensorial, and analytical. Skills such as close looking, asking questions, making connections, and creating meaning activate these different ways of knowing. Decide which of these or other skills you want students to practice in the museum.

4. Plan Your Activities

A variety of museum resources can support you in making these capacities central to your students' visit.

Our [Tips for Discussing Works of Art](#) and [Art + History Process Description](#) provide clear steps for facilitating shared discussion and inquiry.

The museum's [Educator Resource](#) database features a wide selection of multimodal gallery activities to support your learning goals.



5. Back in Your Classroom

- Revisit our [Educator Resources](#) or [Collections](#) pages to find activities as well as artist and artwork information to help your students dive deeper into art they saw during their visit.
- If you would like to receive posters and additional related resources through the mail, email us at erc@artic.edu.