

## 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.