

Self-Guided Tour? Start Here!

Welcome to the Milwaukee Art Museum

Explore the art in the galleries on your school group visit in fun-filled ways. Try one or more of the activities below. They can be used in any gallery, with any work of art, and you can adapt them for any age group.

What's in a Name?

Choose your own title for an artwork. Why did you make that choice? If there is time, write your own label text describing the piece.

Strike a Pose

Choose a person, an animal, or even an object in a work of art. On the count of three, strike that figure's pose. Was it easy to make the motion? Does this pose show the feelings or thoughts of the figure?

Six-Word Story

Can you write a story about a work of art in six words? Look closely at a work of art, and then give it a try! (Tip: First brainstorm on paper, and then choose your favorite sentence to break down into six words.) Younger groups could verbally identify six adjectives to describe the work of art.

Act It Out

Choose two characters (or even objects!) in a work of art and give them a voice. Decide on personalities and write a dialogue between them. What might they say to each other? What kind of voice does each have—happy, angry, sad, or another emotion?

Museum Manners

Read these aloud with your group!



Help us keep the art safe—please don't touch.

These artworks are the real thing, and the oils on your hands can damage their surfaces. Help us protect the art for future visitors—and for your next visit!



Stay with your assigned group. Every group of ten students must be accompanied by one adult chaperone.



Feel free to talk in the Museum! Share ideas, ask questions, and discuss all the art you see with your group.



Use pencil to take notes, sketch, draw, or write a poem. Leave your pens and markers at home, since they can damage artwork.



Take pictures, but turn off the flash on your camera.

Avoid works on loan from other museums or in special exhibitions. If you're not sure, ask a security guard or look for a sign.



Leave your backpacks, food, drinks, gum, and umbrellas at home or on the bus. This is to make sure nothing bumps or spills on the artwork (and to prevent you from having to carry a bunch of stuff around!). Lockers and a coatroom are located on the Café Level, near the main entrance.

**Watch a video about Museum Manners
at bit.ly/MuseumManners**



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