

Milwaukee Art Museum JDSP
4th Grade – Tour 2: Wisconsin Stories
Pre-visit Mini Lesson

We are looking forward to seeing your 4th graders at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Here are some activities to help prepare the students for the visit.

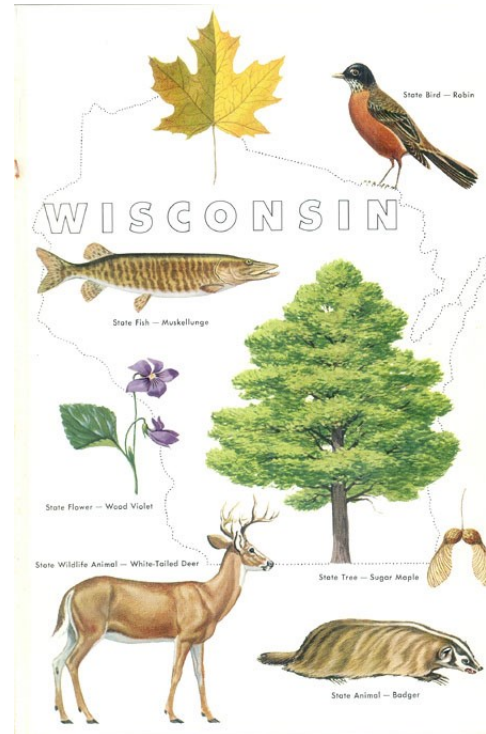
Introduce:

On this **Wisconsin Stories** tour, we will explore the history, people and resources of our state through the stories we see in works of art.

Look at a map of Wisconsin in your room, or use the map of Wisconsin attached below.

Ask:

- Can you describe the location of Wisconsin relative to the United States?
- What state's border Wisconsin?
- Describe your city's or town's location in the state of Wisconsin.
- What is the name of your city, town or village?
- The Milwaukee Art Museum is on the shore of which of the Great Lakes?
- What are some facts and ideas you know about the state of Wisconsin?
 - Admitted to Union: May 29, 1848 (30th State)
 - Capital: Madison
 - 1. State animal: badger
 - 2. State wildlife: deer
 - 3. State insect: honey bee
 - 4. State flower: wood violet
 - 5. State motto: Forward



Other Fun Facts

- Nearly 21 million gallons of ice cream are consumed by Wisconsinites each year.
- The first ice cream sundae was concocted in Two Rivers in 1881.
- The Fox River is one of the few rivers in the nation that flows north.
- Practically all the natural lakes in Wisconsin have resulted from glaciers.
- The first circus in the US was in Delavan, Wisconsin.
- The "Bratwurst Capital" of the world is in Sheboygan, WI.
- Almost 1/3 of all Americans live within a 500-mile radius of Wisconsin/
- Door County has more shoreline than any other county in the US - over 250 miles.
- More than 800,000 deer roam Wisconsin woods. If all of the hunter's on opening day of deer season in Wisconsin were grouped together, they would comprise the sixth largest army in the world.

Optional Follow-up Activity: Ask students to write a fun fact they learned during their tour today or to write a summary of a Wisconsin story told in a work of art. They can illustrate their writing if time allows.



POPULATED PLACES

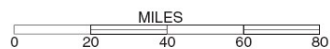
- 500,000 – 999,999 • **Milwaukee**
- 100,000 – 499,999 • **Green Bay**
- 25,000 – 99,999 • **La Crosse**
- 24,999 and less • **Kewaunee**
- State capital ★ **Madison**

TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway
- Other principal highway
- Railroad
- Ferry

PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams
- Lakes
- Highest elevation in state (feet) **+1951**
- The lowest elevation in Wisconsin is 579 feet above sea level (Lake Michigan).



Albers equal area projection

