

Art History Tour

ART & MUSIC



Overview

Students create virtual museum tours presenting famous artworks and artists, learning about art history while practicing visual analysis and presentation skills.

Steps for Teachers

1. Introduce different art periods and styles
2. Students select an artist or artwork to research
3. Students learn about the artist's life, techniques, and significance
4. Students write a museum guide script for their artwork
5. Students find images of the artwork for backgrounds
6. Students record their tour as an enthusiastic museum guide
7. Create a class virtual museum with all presentations

Example

A student presents Van Gogh's Starry Night. Museum guide character with painting background: 'Welcome to our gallery! This is Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh, painted in 1889. Look at those swirling clouds—Van Gogh painted this while looking out his window at a mental hospital. He was struggling, but he turned his feelings into something beautiful. See how the yellow stars contrast with the blue sky? He used thick brushstrokes called impasto. Van Gogh only sold one painting in his lifetime, but now he's one of the most famous artists ever!'

Grading Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Proficient	Developing
Art Knowledge	Accurate information about artist and artwork	Mostly accurate art history content	Contains significant errors
Visual Analysis	Points out specific artistic elements and techniques	Mentions some visual elements	No visual analysis of the artwork
Historical Context	Explains when, where, and why the art was created	Provides some historical context	Missing historical background
Engaging Delivery	Makes art history fascinating and accessible	Reasonably engaging presentation	Dry or boring delivery