



What is ARTstor?

ARTstor is a subscription database of images of architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, decorative arts and design, archeological and anthropological objects, and other forms of visual and material culture. Its primary objective is to provide scholars, teachers, and students with digital images of art from many time periods and cultures for “noncommercial, educational, and scholarly purposes.” Featured civilizations and time periods include Native American, Old Master European prints from the 15th-19th centuries, canonic American art and architecture, and Asian art. ARTstor is in the process of incorporating 20th and 21st century art into the collection.

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Why use ARTstor?

Use ARTstor if you have research questions like these:

- Where can I find images of Caravaggio's paintings?
- Where can I get watercolor paintings of flowers?
- I need to find depictions of women in illuminated manuscripts.

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