

# Art Research in the Fine Arts Library

## ► Where can I find introductory material on an art topic?

*Encyclopedia of World Art.* N 31 E4833 FAL Ref  
Comprehensive resource, includes bibliography and color images.

[Grove Art Online.](http://www.groveart.com) ([www.groveart.com](http://www.groveart.com)) N 31 D5 1996 FAL Ref  
The most comprehensive art-historical reference work available, available in print and in digital format.

*McGraw Hill Dictionary of Art.* N 33 M23 FAL Ref  
Provides basic, concise information on artists, movements, styles, and other art-related information.

*Penguin Concise Dictionary of Art History.* N 5300 F64 2000 FAL Ref  
A well-written, authoritative reference source enhanced by lovely quotes from art historians throughout the centuries.

*Praeger Encyclopedia of Art.* N 33 P68 FAL Ref  
Extensive and authoritative; includes bibliography.

[Timeline of Art History.](#)  
An excellent online resource that explores the history of art chronologically, geographically, and thematically.

## ► Where can I find the definition of an art term?

[Artlex: A Dictionary of Visual Art.](http://www.artlex.com) ([www.artlex.com](http://www.artlex.com))  
Definitions for more than 2,600 terms along with numerous illustrations, pronunciation notes, quotations, and links to other resources on the Web.

[Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art Terms.](#) N 33 C53 2001 FAL Ref  
Over 1,800 art terms defined.

*Essential Art History.* N 33 G695 1992 FAL Ref  
Selective terms with lengthy definitions, includes bibliography and cross-references; excellent resource for the beginning art historian.

*From Abacus to Zeus.* N 33 P5 1995 FAL Ready Ref  
Defines processes, symbols, Gods, and other art-related terms.

*Thames and Hudson Dictionary of Art Terms.* N 33 L75 2004 FAL Ref  
Extensive coverage of art terms including media, styles, techniques, and artists.

*Yale Dictionary of Art and Artists.* N 33 L353 2000 FAL Ref

Covers all aspects of Western art from 1300 to the present day, includes 3,000 entries.

### ► **Where can I find information on a specific movement of art?**

*ArtSpeak: a guide to contemporary ideas, movements, and buzzwords, 1945 to the present.* N 6490 A87 1997 FAL Ref

Discusses art movements since World War II, including the key artists involved.

*ArtSpoke: a guide to modern ideas, movements, and buzzwords, 1848-1944.*

N 6447 A85 1993 FAL Ref

Explores art movements from realism to surrealism.

*Culture Vulture: a guide to style, period, & ism.* N 7560 D86 1994 FAL Ref

Examines key concepts and characteristics of major art movements.

*A Guide to Art.* N 33 G85 1996 FAL Ref

Guide to art history, covers antiquity to current trends. Section one includes chronological essays covering various periods of art history; section two is an alphabetical listing of terms, techniques, styles, and artists.

### ► **How can I find art-related journal articles?**

The following databases are all available from the Databases & Indexes to Articles page at [www.lib.utexas.edu/indexes](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/indexes).

[Art Abstracts/Art Index Retrospective.](#)

Indexes art-related journal articles from 1929 to the present, includes abstracts from 1994 to the present.

[ARTbibliographies Modern.](#)

Abstracts current literature of modern art, photography, and design from 1974 to the present.

[BHA: Bibliography of the History of Art.](#)

Covers Western art from Late Antiquity to the present and contemporary art worldwide, electronic coverage from 1973 to the present.

[Design and Applied Arts Index.](#)

Indexes more than 440 design and design-related journals. Includes data on over 40,000 designers, craftspeople, studios, workshops and design firms, electronic coverage from 1973 to the present.

### ► **How can I find biographical information on an artist?**

Explore The Library Catalog for books on an artist. Search artist's name as both a subject and an author. Some biographical resources are wide in scope, others are rather selective, covering a specific gender, ethnicity, country, or century. Below are some examples of both general and specific biographical resources.

◆ General biographical resources

*Artist Biographies Master Index*. N 40 A78 1986 FAL Ref  
Indexes over 75 biographical dictionaries and includes 275,000 entries.

[\*Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art and Artists\*](#). N 33 O93 1997 FAL Ref  
Comprehensive single volume containing introductory entries.

*Contemporary Artists*. N 6490 C6567 1996 FAL Ready Ref  
Large selection of well-known 20th century artists; includes a biography, list of exhibitions, bibliography, and artists' comments.

*Index to Artistic Biography*. N 40 H38 FAL Ref  
These volumes index 134 sources. Entries provide dates, nationality, and media, as well as references to other resources.

*International Dictionary of Art and Artists*. N 7425 I67 1990 FAL Ref  
Volume one contains artists' entries including a bibliography and a critical look at the artist; volume two contains art works arranged chronologically.

◆ Specific biographical resources

*Women Artists of Color: a bio-critical sourcebook to 20th century artists in the Americas*. N 8354 W656 1999 FAL Ref.

A biographical resource covering minority women artists of the 20th century; includes biographical essays, career highlights, bibliographies, lists of exhibitions, lists of publications, and artist statements.

*Biographical Dictionary of Women Artists in Europe and America since 1850*. N 6757 D86 1990B FAL Ref

Biographical resource covering female artists in the United States and Europe from 1850; includes a bibliography for each artist.

*Contemporary Women Artists*. N 8354 C66 1999 FAL Ref  
More than 350 of the world's most prominent and influential contemporary women artists.

*Dictionary of Women Artists*. N 8354 D53 1997 FAL Ref  
A thorough examination of women artists worldwide and throughout history. Includes exhibition information, selected writings, and bibliographies.

*North American Women Artists of the Twentieth Century: a biographical dictionary*. N 6503 N67 1995 FAL Ref.

Covers women artists from Mexico, Canada, and the U.S.; includes bibliographies.

## ► Where can I find a reproduction of a work of art or illustration?

[Academic Search Premier.](#)

Select images to search for a variety of photographs, paintings, and other images.

[Artcyclopedia.](#) ([www.artcyclopedia.com](http://www.artcyclopedia.com))

An excellent search engine for art reproductions.

[Bridgeman Art Images.](#) ([bal-ms.bridgeman.co.uk](http://bal-ms.bridgeman.co.uk))

Part of the Grove Art Online database.

[Google Images.](#) ([images.google.com](http://images.google.com))

Search the web for images

*Illustration Index VIII, 1992-1996.* N 7525 A672 1998 FAL Ref

Eight editions; most recent edition covers to 1996; indexes illustrations in several popular magazines; organized by subject.

*Photography Index.* TR 199 P37 FAL Ref

A guide to reproductions of photographs; includes works chronologically by unknown artists, alphabetically by known artist, and a subject/title index.

*Print Index.* NE 90 P17 1983 FAL Ref

A guide to reproductions of prints; includes artist index and subject/title index.

*Sculpture Index.* NB 36 C55 FAL Ref

A guide to reproductions of sculptures; includes original locations.

*World Architecture Index.* NA 202 T4 1991 FAL Ref

A guide to reproductions of architecture; includes site index, architect index, type index, and alphabetical index of works.

*World Painting Index.* ND 45 H38 FAL Ref

Two volumes and a two-volume supplement; a guide to reproductions of paintings; indexes works by painter, includes title index.

## ► Are there tools to help me with art research and writing?

*Art Information: Research Methods and Resources.* N 85 J64 1990

FAL Ready Ref

Includes a section on the methodology of art historical research and a bibliography of research tools.

*A Short Guide to Writing about Art.* N 7476 B37 2000 FAL Dictionary Stand

A helpful tool for critically looking at and writing about art.

*Visual Literacy: writing about art.* N 7476 T83 2002 FAL  
A great guide to writing about art from a variety of perspectives.

*Writing about Art.* N 7476 S29 1999 FAL Dictionary Stand  
A simple but very useful examination of writing about art.

*Writing about Visual Art.* N 7476 C378 2003 FAL  
Another excellent guide to writing about art.

### ► **Where can I find information on art schools, museums, galleries and other arts organizations?**

*American Art Directory.* N 50 A54 v.57 1999-2000 FAL Ready Ref  
Bi-annual directory of arts organizations, art schools, and art information centers.

*Art in America. Annual Guide to Museums, Galleries, Artists.* FAL Ready Ref  
A listing of U.S. galleries and museums organized by state; also includes an alphabetical listing of artists (not necessarily American artists).

*International Directory of Arts.* N 50 I6 2000-01 FAL Ready Ref  
Includes a listing of arts organizations by category including museums, universities, art associations, private galleries, and others.

*M.A. and Ph.D. Programs in Art and Art History.* N 385 C65 1999 FAL Ready Ref  
Covers American and Canadian institutions, includes geographic index and areas of study index.

*M.F.A. Programs in the Visual Arts.* N 328 D57 1999 FAL Ready Ref  
Listing of M.F.A. programs in the United States and Canada, includes areas of study index and geographic index.

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