

## **Famous Paintings at the Art Institute of Chicago**

Please refer to notes and project ideas included in the folder for this lesson.  
Folders are in the art appreciation area of the PTA office.

You will also find posters of some of these works in the PTA office. You should hang one or more in the classroom or hallway for at least a week before your lesson, so the students become familiar with it and curious about it.

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Some of the artists in this lesson are covered at other times in the art appreciation curriculum. Feel free to look at other folders for information or project ideas for Monet, Seurat or Van Gogh.

### **INTRO IDEAS:**

You can start by introducing the Art Institute. The students take a field trip there in 4th grade. Some may have been there on their own. It is the oldest and largest art museum in the Midwest.

The idea is to introduce the students to some of the more famous paintings on display at the Art Institute. Try to introduce all of the works briefly, but feel free to focus the lesson any way you want to, possibly by choosing one artist to study or comparing some of them.

In the folder there are bios of all of the artists, as well as a worksheet to distribute that includes all of them. Ideally, this worksheet could also be taken on the field trip.

### **PROJECT IDEAS:**

Due to the nature of this lesson, rather than a project, you may want to compare and contrast the artists and/or the paintings. A game or a matching activity might be fun!

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After your lesson, please don't forget to send home a letter to the parents explaining the art and what their student learned.