



The Art Institute of Chicago

Art Appreciation Lesson based on the Fourth Grade Field Trip

Today in Art Appreciation we covered many of the artists that your student will see during the field trip to The Art Institute of Chicago this year in fourth grade. First we learned a few facts about The Art Institute itself, and then learned about specific artists and their pieces on location there.

- The oldest and largest art museum and school in the mid-western United States.
- Was established in 1879 as the **Chicago Academy of Fine Arts**.
- It's predecessor was the **Chicago Academy of Design**, founded in 1866.
- It took it's current name of the **Art Institute of Chicago** in 1882.
- The Art Institute moved to it's current building in 1893, and was designed by the architectural firm of **Shepley, Rutan, and Coolidge** as part of the **World's Columbian Exposition**.
- The **Goodman Theatre** was established as a gift to the Art Institute in 1925, and the **Goodman School of Drama** was operated by the Art Institute from 1930-1978. Then it became a school within **DePaul University** in 1978.
- The museum has more than 300,000 works of art! Is especially recognized for it's collection of 19th and 20th century French paintings.

Artists and works covered in today's presentation...

A Sunday on La Grande Jatte by Georges Seurat

Nighthawks by Edward Hopper

America Windows by Marc Chagall

Ancestors of Tehamana by Paul Gauguin

The Star by Edgar Degas

Water Lilies by Claude Monet

Self Portrait by Vincent Van Gogh

You can see these works on the following "Can You Find These Painting?" sheet attached.