

“My Gallery Journal” Instructions for Teachers

Goal

This journal is to help your students and chaperones explore art through looking, drawing, and writing activities.

Pre-Visit Tips

- Review the journal activities carefully.
- The activities may be done in almost any gallery. You may let your students and chaperones decide which activity they will do in each gallery they visit. Or, you may choose specific galleries for each of the activities, writing the gallery number by each activity. To see what’s in each gallery, explore the map on the Museum’s website (www.philamuseum.org/visit/54-5.html).
- Photocopy the journal on card stock so that students have a firm surface on which to write and draw.
- Plan to have your students self-tour in small chaperoned groups of 5–10 students.
- Print a copy of the “Instructions for Chaperones” for each chaperone. Museum maps are available at the Education Student Center.

Post-Visit Tips

- Ask students to share their journal poems and drawings.
- Go to philamuseum.org to look at artworks in the galleries the students visited.

Keeping Art Safe

Please help the Museum protect the collection by following these guidelines:

- To avoid crowding, have your class move through the galleries in groups of 5–10 students with their chaperone (not with the entire class).
- If a Museum educator is in a gallery with a class, go to a different gallery. Return at a different time if you’d like.
- Only pencils may be used in the galleries.
- Make sure that students do not lean on the gallery walls or cases as they fill out their journals. Instead, encourage them to lean on their lap, the floor, or a bench.
- Remind students not to touch the art. Everyone should stay about three feet away from all artwork.
- Don’t point at art with fingers or pencils. Encourage students to use descriptive language instead. For example, “I see a flower on the left side.”
- Remind students to walk in the galleries.
- Large bags, backpacks, lunches, and water bottles should be left in the student coatroom.
- You may take photographs but please do not use your camera’s flash.