

# Using Grove Art Online

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Grove Art Online is an excellent source of information on artists and their works. It contains biographical and iconographical information as well as analyses of art works. You may also search for art styles, movements, forms, subject matter, techniques and materials.

The electronic version differs from the print set in that it provides access to links for thousands of art works pictured on the World Wide Web. Most of the pictures can be printed or downloaded to a disk. Grove Art Online also has updates which the print set lacks. The 34 volume print Dictionary is located in the Reference area of the library (Ref/N/31/.D5/1996). If you have any questions while doing this exercise, ask the librarian for assistance.

## CONNECTING TO GROVE ART ONLINE

1. To do a search in Grove Art Online (Groveart.com) go to one of the computers and double click on the **INTERNET EXPLORER** icon to bring up the library's Menu Screen. From the menu under the heading **Research**, click on **Find Articles**. Scroll through the databases and click on the **On campus** link for **Grove Art Online**.
2. Click in the **Search** box on the Grove Art screen. Type in the name **Botticelli** and click on the **Go** arrow next to the search box.

Click on the colored link **Botticelli, Sandro** to view the article.

The main part of the screen displays a summary of the article and links to its major sections. The column on the left contains a complete outline with links to the article's specific contents. Click on (iii) "**Mars and Venus**" on the left of the screen to go to the part of the Botticelli article that discusses that work.

To see a list of selected paintings by Botticelli, click on **Image Links** on the menu bar near the top of the screen. Under the heading **Works**, scroll through the list until you see a link for **Venus and Mars**.

What is the city and gallery in which the painting is located?

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When you click on any of the paintings on the list, it opens a new window. That new window will be in a site outside of Grove Art Online. Click on the **Venus and Mars** link.

Scroll down and read the information below the painting. Give an interesting fact learned.

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You can click anywhere in the small painting to see an enlarged version. Close the window with the painting by clicking in the small "X" on the top right of the window. (If using a Mac, click in the small box in the upper left corner.) You should now be back at the list of works by Botticelli.

3. Now do a search on your own using an artist of your choice. Give the following information from your search.

Artist's Name and Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

An Interesting Fact About the Artist's Life or Work \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Art Work You Looked At \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Art Work \_\_\_\_\_

Grove Art Online has many features not covered in this exercise. You may want to experiment on your own to discover all the possibilities available in this rich resource.

### Recommended Reference Books

If you are working on a paper and need more information on the themes, symbols and iconography of an artwork, the following reference books (and others on the shelves next to them) will be helpful. If you need more information on a work of art or artist, check the book catalog under the artist's name to locate more detailed discussion. These books are located in the Doyle Library Reference area.

Encyclopedia of Saints..... REF/BX/4655.8/.L68/1996  
Encyclopedia of Comparative Iconography..... REF/N/7560/.E53/1998/v.1-2  
Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols..... REF/N/7560/.H34/1979  
Oxford Companion to Classical Literature ..... REF/PA/31/.H69/1989  
A Handbook of Legendary and Mythological Art..... REF/N/7760/.W3/1969  
The Dictionary of Classical Mythology..... REF/BL/715/.G713/1985  
Lives of the Saints..... REF/BX/4654/.B8/1956