

# Resources for Teaching Ekphrastic Poetry

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## Web Sites

Rusche, Harry. Emory University. The Poet Speaks of Art.  
<http://www.english.emory.edu/classes/paintings&poems/titlepage.html>

Morrison, Valerie. University of Georgia. Ekphrastic Poetry.  
<http://valerie6.myweb.uga.edu/ekphrasticpoetry.html>

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## Books & Video

Rowden, Justine. *Paint Me a Poem: Poems Inspired by Masterpieces of Art*. Honesdale, Pa.: Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press, 2005. Print.

Krakora, Joseph, dir. *Vermeer: Master of Light*. Microcinema, 2009. DVD.

Greenberg, Jan, ed.. *Heart to heart : new poems inspired by twentieth century American art*. New York: Harry N Abrams, 2001. Print.

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## Lesson and Unit Plans

Cox, Ann Kelly. "Ekphrasis: Using Art to Inspire Poetry," a plan for a unit of 8 50-minute periods. NCTE/IRA Read Write Think. <  
<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/ekphrasis-using-inspire-poetry-1093.html>>

Smithsonian American Art Museum. "Ekphrastic Poetry Lesson," a one-period lesson.  
<[http://americanart.si.edu/education/pdf/Ekphrastic\\_Poetry\\_Lesson.pdf](http://americanart.si.edu/education/pdf/Ekphrastic_Poetry_Lesson.pdf)>  
Suitable for grades 7-12; students produce a 10-line poem.

Moorman, Honor. "Backing into Ekphrasis: Reading and Writing Poetry about Visual Art." *English Journal*, Sep. 2006: 47-53. Print. Available online at <<http://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/ekphrasis.pdf>>  
Includes a lesson plan and much more

Marisco, Lynn Rogers. "Ekphrastic Poetry: Exploring the visual Arts with a Poet's Eye." Chatham University, Pa.  
<[www.chatham.edu/pti/curriculum/units/2005/Marsico.pdf](http://www.chatham.edu/pti/curriculum/units/2005/Marsico.pdf)>  
A lengthy discussion and an 8-day lesson plan. Suitable for all secondary grades.

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## Museums

*Artcyclopedia* presents an extensive list of museum web sites accessible from a clickable world map. But it also includes a search engine for finding words by title, by artist, or by museum. It's an extensive data base, easy to navigate.

<<http://www.artcyclopedia.com/museums.html>>

Here are a few major museums outside North America that students can mine with profit.

China National Museum of Fine Art—  
[http://www.chinaculture.org/gb/en\\_museum/2003-09/24/content\\_30094.htm](http://www.chinaculture.org/gb/en_museum/2003-09/24/content_30094.htm)

Le Musée des Beaux-Arts, Brussels—  
[www.fine-arts-museum.be](http://www.fine-arts-museum.be)

Musé d'Orsay, Paris—<http://www.musee-orsay.fr/en/home.html>

Museu Nacional de Belas Artes, Rio de Janeiro—  
<http://www.mnba.gov.br/>

National Archaeological Museum of Athens—  
[www.namuseum.gr](http://www.namuseum.gr)

National Museum, New Delhi—  
<http://www.nationalmuseumindia.gov.in/collection.html>

The British Museum, London—[www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org)

The Hermitage, St Petersburg—  
<http://www.heritagemuseum.org>

The Louvre, Paris—[www.louvre.fr](http://www.louvre.fr)

The National Gallery, London—  
[www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk)

The National Museum of Korea, Seoul—  
<http://www.museum.go.kr/main/index/index002.jsp>

The Prado, Madrid—[www.museodelprado.es](http://www.museodelprado.es)

The Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam—[www.rijksmuseum.nl](http://www.rijksmuseum.nl)

The Uffizi Gallery, Florence—[www.uffizi.com](http://www.uffizi.com)

The Vatican Museums—Vatican City  
[http://mv.vatican.va/3\\_EN/pages/MV\\_Home.html](http://mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/MV_Home.html)

Tokyo National Museum—<http://www.tnm.jp/?lang=en>