

Building a museum of museums on the web

1. Read the statements below. Do you agree with them?

- Museums shouldn't be funded by governments.
 That's a real waste of money.
- Kids should go to museums to get used to art from an early age.
- Most museums are outdated and that's why they are not interesting.
- If all museums were free, more people would be interested in art.



2. Brainstorm as many phrases as you can that you can use to express your likes and dislikes.

I LIKE	I DON'T LIKE

3. Discuss the questions.

- Are you into art? Which do you enjoy most: photography, painting, sculpture, graffiti, etc.?
- Do you like going to museums? Why/Why not?
- Do you think you have some great museums/art galleries in your city?
- What was the best/worst exhibition you have ever seen?



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- 4. Match the underlined words with their meanings below.
 - a) We stayed at some <u>fancy</u> hotel in the centre of London.
 - b) 'Vertigo' is the film widely regarded as Hitchcock's <u>masterpiece</u>.
 - c) I <u>pitched</u> the idea of a new product to my bosses and they liked it.
 - d) The look on his face was absolutely priceless.
 - e) Our research is supplemented with material from some interviews.
 - f) Information about this problem should be <u>accessible</u> to all people.
 - g) Unfortunately, he can't replicate his success from 2005.

MEANINGS:

- 1) try to convince someone to buy or accept (something) c
- 2) easy for anyone to get and use f
- 3) an excellent painting, book, piece of music, etc. or the best work of art that a particular artist, writer, musician, etc. has ever produced b
- 4) do or make something again in the same way as before g
- 5) expensive, popular and fashionable a
- 6) add an extra element or amount to e
- 7) very valuable and impossible to replace d
- 5. Watch a <u>TED Talk</u> by Amit Sood [https://youtu.be/l1JlqxXmZhU] and complete the questions with the words from ex. 4 in their correct forms.
 - a) What was the idea that the speaker pitched to his boss?
 - b) What do you think about the idea that all museum collections can be accessible to everyone online? Will more people become interested in art?
 - c) Can the speaker's idea replicate the experience of going to a museum?
 - d) What priceless works of art would be in your collection if you created one?
- 6. Now, discuss the questions from exercise 5.