## The French Art of the Musee d'Orsay

Welcome to the Musee d'Orsay Scavenger Hunt! This museum is located in Paris, France. In its past life, it was a railway station until 1939. During World War II, the French used it as a mailing station. Today, it holds French art from 1848 to 1914. The French wanted to create a museum that had pieces that other museums did not have room for.

## Quick Fun Facts about the museum!

- ✓ This museum has the largest collection of impressionist masterpieces
- ✓ It was the first museum in France to have a photography exhibition
- ✓ 35,000 Square Meters of the building is made of glass
- ✓ It took 6 months to place all of the paintings and art into the museum
- ✓ It is one of the largest art museums in Europe.
- ✓ It has more metal than the Eiffel Tower

Start by going to this link: <a href="https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/musee-dorsay-paris?hl=en">https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/musee-dorsay-paris?hl=en</a>

## Part One:

- 1. You will need to select Canvas. Find the painting titled "Self Portrait".
  - a. Can you tell me when the piece was painted?
  - b. Can you tell me who painted it?
- 2. Return to the home page through the link above. Then select Modern Art. Find the painting called "Magpie".
  - a. What season is portrayed in the painting?
  - b. Who painted it?
- 3. Return to the homepage through the link above. Then select France. Search for the painting called "The circle of the Rue Royale".
  - a. Can you count how many people are in the painting?
- 4. Return to the homepage through the link above. Select Post-Impressionism. Find the painting called "The Circus".
  - a. Can you see what year it was painted?
  - b. Can you tell me what animal is in the painting?
- 5. Return to the homepage through the link above. Then select Oil Painting. Search for the painting called "The Bellelli Family".
  - a. What was used to paint this painting?
  - b. Who created this painting?

## Part Two:

Return to the homepage through the link above. Select the online exhibit and read "From Station to the Renovated Musee d'Orsay"

- 1. Who was commissioned to design the railway station?
- 2. How many workers worked during the day? How many worked during the night?
- 3. When did they start building the station? When did they finish?
- 4. During the 1970's what else was d'Orsay used as?
- 5. What year did d'Orsay open as a museum?



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