

Getting started with **Grove Art Online**

Access to Grove Art Online

Access to Grove Art Online requires a username and password. Further information is available on a separate information sheet or from any staff member at The British Council Information Centre.

What is Grove Art Online?



Grove Art Online is the most comprehensive and authoritative online resource for all research in the history of the visual arts. It provides web access to the entire text of **The Dictionary of Art** (over 45,000 articles on art from prehistory to the present) and **The Oxford Companion to Western Art**.

Grove Art Online offers over 1500 colour images and line drawings; links to the **Art Resource** and **Bridgeman Art Library** searchable image databases; and links to over 40,000 images on museum and gallery websites. For copyright reasons, Grove Art Online cannot publish all of the images in the print edition online.

Grove Art Online offers ongoing additions of new and updated articles, and collaborates with nearly 1,000 international art historians, scholars, librarians and experts with specialised knowledge in various areas of the visual arts.

A vast resource which gives you great benefits

- All 45,000 articles can be found in seconds with a sophisticated keyword search
- Over 1,500 colour art images and line drawings displayed in the text of articles
- Links to searchable image databases and editorially selected links to over 40,000 art images on museum and gallery web sites around the world
- Access cross-references in the text with a click of the mouse
- Updates, new articles and new image links added as an on-going feature

Search

Search 

A **Search** box appears on the top right-hand side of every page. Enter a term in the box and click **Go**. This search looks first within articles headings, then subheadings, then full text.

Your search result will be displayed in a list (see the

sections **Search results** and **Viewing Articles** for more information).

Advanced search

Use this facility to search the entire text of the dictionary for every mention of a subject. Click the **Advanced Search** icon from any page to go to the Advanced Search page. From here you can search the entire text of the dictionary for any term(s).

Advanced search

Enter one or more terms in the box (use double quotation marks for a phrase) and click on **Search**. A list of articles matching your criteria will be displayed. Click on an article in the list to view it in full.

The results of your search will depend on the **search mode**:

Concept Mode looks for words that are synonyms or related in form

- A search on **'state'** will also match **'province'**, **'country'** and **'land'**
- A search on **'mouse'** will also match **'mice'**

Pattern Mode looks for words similar in spelling to those entered. This is useful when searching for words with alternative spellings or if you are uncertain of a spelling:

- searching **'Apollodorus'** will match **'Apollodoros'**

Boolean Mode - searches only for exact matches for a word or a phrase. Use Boolean operators (**AND**, **ADJ**, **OR**, **NOT**) to refine your search.

- **'santa AND croce AND florence'**
- **'diptych OR polyptych'**
- **'tres riches heures ADJ 3'** (three adjacent terms)
- **'kauffman NOT kauffmann'**
- **'York NOT New'** would find articles on York, but not New York

Specialised searches

Specialised searches allow a search to focus on a particular area of the dictionary. Choose one of the following from the navigation bar within Search:

Search Bibliographies - confine your searches to the bibliographical sections.

Search Biographies - find people by name, or search using birth and death dates and places, occupations and nationalities.

Search Contributors - enter a name or part of a name to find all articles written by a specific contributor.

Search Art Image Links - search pages of the **Art Resource** image database and **Bridgeman Art Library** image database.

Entering search terms

It is not necessary to be case-specific or pay attention to foreign language character accents e.g. 'andre' will find 'André'; 'durer' will find 'Dürer'. To search for a phrase, surround it with double quotation marks, e.g. "keyed trumpet"

Use wildcards/special characters:

! for alternative spellings: **theater!** finds theater and theatre, **Demidoff!** finds Demidoff and Demidov.
? matches any single character (**Sm?th** will find Smith and Smyth)
***** matches any number of characters (**const*** will find constable, constance, constantia, constantine, construction and constructivism)
[] matches any single character from within the brackets (**Sm[ly]th** will find Smith or Smyth); specifying a numerical range using a hyphen will find numbers within that range (**199[0-9]** will match dates from 1990 to 1999).
~ preceding a search term matches words that sound alike (~**mikelanjelo** will find Michelangelo).

Search results

Results are displayed in groups of 25 per page. Each result shows the article heading, and the first few lines of text (a percentage ranking is also given when using **concept** and **pattern** modes, with the search results ranked from highest to lowest).

Explore



This unique feature allows you to create customised browse lists to explore the dictionary by subject categories: **Art and Art Forms**, **Geography**, **People**, **Styles and Cultures**, and **Time Periods**. With each selection you make, more options to refine your criteria become available.

Browse

You can browse A-Z listings in a number of ways including:



- A-Z comprehensive index
- A-Z listings of headings of all available articles
- A-Z listings of abbreviations for general terms, in bibliographies, and for locations of works of art

Viewing articles

To view an article listed in the results pages, click on an article heading. When viewing the text in an article, you will see your search term(s) highlighted in red.

Tables of Contents

A table of contents for each article always appears in the frame to the left of the article text so you can easily return to any place within that article. Use the scroll bar to move down through the headings and click on a heading to open that section of the article. You can also click on the **Article** tab in the top grey navigation bar to return to the article at any time.

Cross-references

Cross-references within articles are highlighted in a different colour and appear in small capital letters. Click on the highlighted text to navigate to the article or section to which it refers.

Illustration and figure references are highlighted in green. Click on the highlighted text to view the image in a new window.

Note: Many illustrations in The **Dictionary of Art** are not available in Grove Art Online for copyright reasons. Where they are not available, cross-references to illustrations and figures will not be highlighted.

Searching within an article

When viewing an article, select **Article Search** from the grey navigation bar at the top of the article to search for a term only within the article you are currently viewing. Search results for the all instances of the term within the current article will be displayed. This is particularly useful for longer articles.

Dates

Dates in Grove Art Online are listed by day/month/year.

All new articles, updates and revisions are noted by dd/mm/yyyy in the upper right hand corner of the article page.

Illustrations

The **Illustrations** tab in the top grey navigation bar allows you to view a list of maps, charts and colour images related to the article. For copyright reasons Grove Art Online cannot show all the illustrations which appear in print or are referenced in the article. Click on a caption to view the image.

Image Links

The Image Links tab is located in the top grey navigation bar. This page provides links to the search pages of the **Art Resource** image database (over 90,000 art images) and **Bridgeman Art Library** image database (over 100,000 art images). This page also provides a list of editorially selected links to images on public websites related to the article.

Abbreviations

Enter the abbreviation you wish to find in the **Find Abbrevs** box in the navigation bar across the top of the screen and then click **Find Abbrevs**.

The selected term will be displayed, with the full meaning appearing beneath the abbreviation in the left-hand frame. To display the article **Table of Contents** click on **Back to Table of Contents**. You may also view a list of all abbreviations by selecting **Browse Appendices**.

Navigating an article

Use the arrows at the right-hand side of the top grey navigation bar or, in a large article, move directly to a chosen section from the table of contents displayed automatically in the left-hand frame.

Related articles

Choose Related Articles from the top grey navigation bar to view the list of related articles drawn from the Index. From the related articles view, click on an article title to view that article. To return to the original article click on the **Back** button in your browser.



When in doubt use Help

The Grove Art help pages provide guidance to help you make optimum use of this powerful resource.

Contextual help is available throughout all sections of the system - simply click on the **Help** link found at the top of each page.