

Reinventing Narratives of The Met Museum

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What can we find out from the Met Museum's catalog dataset?

Year of Accession

Methods of Acquisition and Credit Donor

A Culture-based curatorial logic



A curatorial logic based on cultural context:

- Does it contribute colonialism?***
- Does it lead to inequality between cultures?***
- Does it leave part of the message unpresented?***

- Is it too traditional and boring?***

Datasets: to reveal the unrepresented information

The Met Museum

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Since it was founded in 1870, The Met has always aspired to be more than a treasury of rare and beautiful objects. Every day, art comes alive in the Museum's galleries and through its exhibitions and events, revealing both new ideas and unexpected connections across time and across cultures.

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484,956 artworks



Location Info.

- Gallery Number —> Location in the museum (on exhibition or not)
- **Department** —> American/Arms and Armor/Asian/Costume/European/Greek Roman/Photographs/Africa, Oceania, Americas/Ancient Near Eastern/Medieval/Egyptian/Drawings and Prints/Islamic/Modern and Contemporary/Musical Instruments/Private Collection/Libraries

Time Info.

- **AccessionYear**
- Period (Ancient Culture: Asian/Greek Roman/Near Eastern/Egyptian)
- **Object Date**
- Object Begin Date
- Object End Date

Artist Info.

- Constituent ID
- **Artist Role** —> Maker/Designer/Designer House/Artist/Decorator/Factory/Engraver/Manufactory/Enameler/Author/Printer/Illustrator/Architect/Sitter/Etcher/Translator/Binder/Draftman
- Artist Display Name
- Artist Display Bio
- **Artist Nationality**
- Artist Begin Date
- Artist End Date
- **Artist Gender (Default Male)**
- Artist Wikidata URL

Background Info.

- Culture (most are blank)
- **Credit Line**(Gift/Purchase/Fund/Bequest/Museum Accession)
- City/State/County/Country/Region/Subregion/Locale/Locus/Excavation/River/Classification(most are blank)
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