Art History

ANSWER: BYTE

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Each painting in a horizontal pair of paintings was painted by the same artist, but in different years. The idea is to find the difference in these years for the artist, and index their surname with this value. Applying this method to every pair, the puzzler should get EIGHTBITS, which is the equivalent of a BYTE, the answer to the puzzle.

Key:

E → Mon**e**t (Woman with Parasol - Madame Monet and Her Son & Vetheuil, The Church in Winter)

I → P**i**casso (The Reservoir, Horta de Ebro & The Accordionist)

G → De**g**as (Dance Class at the Opera, rue le Peletier & Place de La Concorde)

H → Ka**h**lo (Self Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird & Roots)

T → Mane**t** (The Balcony & A Game of Croquet)

B → **B**asquiat (Crown & Flexible)

I → Gent**i**leschi (Self-Portrait as a Female Martyr & Saint Cecilia)

T → Seura**t** (Clothes on the Grass & La Tour Eiffel)

S → Matis**s**e (The Green Stripe & Goldfish)