# The Louvre's 480 000 artworks can now be viewed online

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This has now changed. If you have internet, and a smartphone or computer, you can view all their artworks, whenever you want, from any place in the world. The Louvre has recently launched a new online database that displays its entire collection. This database also includes art from the Musee National Eugene Delacroix, sculptures from the Louvre's Tuileries, and the Carrousel gardens, and works from the National Museums Recovery program.

Items from the National Museums Recovery program are items that were looted by the Nazis and reclaimed by the French after World War II. The Louvre has been working at finding the real owners to return these items to them.

The database, that will be updated on a regular basis, will allow people to see artworks in storage, on display, and on loan to other institutions.

This will be the first time that anyone can access their entire collection. Even the less known pieces can be seen. The Louvre president-director, Jean-Luc Martinez said, "I am sure that this digital content is going to further inspire people to come to the Louvre to discover the collections in person."

Due to Covid-19, the Louvre is still closed, so the only way to see the artworks is by viewing them online.



## Questions

1. What is the Louvre hoping people will do once they have seen the art works online?
2. People that view the art works online can only see the Louvre’s art works. True or False?
3. Who looted art works during World War II?
4. What kind of artwork does the Louvre Tuileries have?
5. Can people see all the artwork when they visit the Louvre in person and give a reason for your answer.

## Collocations and Difficult Words

* Experience – an event or something that occurred that you will not easily forget.
* Hard to beat – it will be difficult to find something better.
* On a regular basis – something that happens, or you do often. I drink coffee on a regular basis.
* On display – put an item somewhere for people to see.
* Entire collection - the whole group of related items.
* Data base – a set of data held in a computer.

## Countries, Language, and Demonyms

* France French French

## Highlighted vocabulary

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