

What Is an Art Museum?

Read to find out what an art museum is.

¹ Art comes in all sizes and shapes. It might be pretty, or it might be unusual. If you look for it, you can see art all around you. It might be a building, a picture on a poster, or a shape in the sand.

² A place where people display art so that other people can see it is called an *art museum*. Some museums take care of art that is very old. Old art helps us learn

about the people who made it long, long ago.

³ Some museums display new art. New art helps us see the world in different ways. It might make us ask questions, or it might make us laugh.

⁴ Most big cities have art museums. Some are big and famous. Others are small and not well known. All of them take good care of their art, though, so that people can see it and learn about it.



1. What is the author's purpose in writing this piece?

_____ to entertain

_____ to teach

_____ to persuade

2. What can we learn from new art?

3. What can we learn from old art?

4. Tell in your own words what an art museum is.

5. Name two ways that art museums can be different from each other.

6. In the first paragraph, the text says that you can see art all around you. What art can you see right now?

7. If you visited an art museum, what kind of art would you hope to see?
