Looking to Learn

An Introduction to the Collections
Welcome to the

Memorial Art Gallery
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Learning how to look at a work of art is a lot like learning to read.

Art can open up connections to science, history, social studies and stories from around the world.

Specially-trained tour guides called docents (DOE-sents) will show you around the Gallery and help you learn to look at art.

Please help us keep these treasures safe - enjoy the art with your eyes only.

See you soon!
Peeling Onions
Lilly Martin Spencer, American, 1822-1902
Oil on canvas
Gift of the Women's Council in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Memorial Art Gallery, 88.6

Young Priestess
William-Adolphe Bouguereau, French, 1825-1905
Oil on canvas
Gift of Paul T. White in memory of Josephine Kryl White, 73.1

Describe what you see.
How are these works of art alike?
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How are these two places the same? How are they different?

How is a painting different from a photograph?
and more places...

Jean-Baptiste Le Prince, French, 1734–1781
*The Visit (Le visite à la gardien)*, 1779
Oil on canvas
Marion Stratton Gould Fund; and Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis Burnham,
Edith Holden Babcock Bequest, and Bertha Buswell Bequest, by exchange, 77.102

Ashur Brown Durand, American, 1796–1886
*Genesee Oaks*, 1860
Oil on canvas
Gift of the Women's Council in honor of Harris K. Prior, 74.5

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How are these two places the same? How are they different?

How is a painting different from a photograph?
What colors and shapes do you see?
Do some shapes and colors seem closer to the front than others do? Why?
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So many different works of art...

You may see these works of art at the Memorial Art Gallery, plus many more - look for your favorites!