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What is ARTstor?

ARTstor is a digital library of images, their associated information, and software tools designed to enhance teaching, learning, and scholarship. The ARTstor Digital Library contains approximately 400,000 images from a wide range of cultures and time periods, including images of architecture, painting, prints, drawings, sculpture, decorative arts, design, archeological and anthropological objects.

How do I get to ARTstor?

You may go to the York University Library web site and select ARTstor from the list of electronic resources in MetaLib: <http://www.york.ac.uk/services/library/datanet/database.htm> Click on Find Database and then search for ARTstor. When you go into ARTstor you will see the ARTstor home page. Using a campus PC, you may alternatively point your web browser directly to <http://www.artstor.org> to go to the ARTstor home page.

Once you are there, click on the link to "Search and browse for images". After a few seconds, you will see the ARTstor Welcome Page, which provides you with a Keyword Search field, as well as descriptions of the various collections that make up ARTstor.






What can I do in ARTstor?

❖ Search for images

While on the Welcome Page, you can search ARTstor immediately by using the Keyword Search box in the upper left corner of the screen. Enter a search term or phrase in the blank field. There is no need to use "AND" in between words since ARTstor will automatically combine your terms. Select the collection you wish to search from the drop-down menu below, or choose to search across "All Collections." Click on the "Search" button and your search results will appear on the Thumbnail Page.

❖ View images and data

Once you are on the Thumbnail Page, you may begin viewing images and their associated data records. You may display your search results or Image Group in Thumbnail or List Mode. Toggle between the two by going to View and selecting "Display images in Thumbnail Mode" or "Display images in List Mode". To view the data for an image, click on the caption beneath the thumbnail. This will open the Data Information window. To view an image, double-click on the thumbnail image itself. This will open the Image Viewer window. If you are unable to open an image when you double-click on a thumbnail make sure that any pop-up blockers that you have installed are disabled, or hold down your "Ctrl" key while clicking on the image.

While in the Image Viewer, click the Zoom Mode button () amongst the top right group of icons, and then anywhere on the image to zoom in for details. To zoom out, click the zoom out button (), located in the top left group of icons. If you would like to view the image full-screen, click on the Maximize Window icon () amongst the icons in the lower row. You may also use these icons to print () or download () a copy of the image that you are viewing. Once you download a copy of an ARTstor image and save it locally, you can import that JPEG into a Word document or a PowerPoint presentation just like any other image file.

Why should I register for an ARTstor account?

If you have found images that you would like to save into a group for future use, you will have to register for an ARTstor account. Remember, registering for an account is completely *optional*. **If all you want to do in ARTstor is search and view images, you do not have to register.**

To register, go back to the Welcome Page by clicking on the "Home" toolbar button in the upper left corner of the Thumbnail Page. Then, click on the "Register" button on the right-hand side of the Welcome Page. A Registration Form will open, prompting you to enter a valid email address and a password of your choice. When you are done, click on the "Register" button and you will automatically be registered and logged onto your new account. From this point forward, whenever you return to ARTstor, you can log onto your account by clicking the "Logon" button immediately below the "Register" button on the Welcome Page.

How do I use my ARTstor account?

Once you have registered an account and are logged onto it, you have access to the following features in ARTstor:

❖ Saving Image Groups

Find your images by keyword searching or browsing collections. When you locate an image that you would like to save, single-click the thumbnail so that it becomes highlighted in yellow. To de-select an image, simply single-click on it once more so that the highlight disappears. Once you have selected all of the images that you want to save, click on the "Image Groups" toolbar button and choose the option to "Save selected images to new group."

A new window will open, giving you the option to save an Image Group into a personal, private folder, called "My Work Folder," which was automatically created for you when you registered an account. Enter a name for your Image Group in the appropriate

field, and click the "Save and Open" button (the "Create new group" radio button will be preselected). Your new Image Group will open on the Thumbnail Page. You may drag and drop the thumbnails to rearrange them. You may toggle between List and Thumbnail Mode by going to the View menu in the toolbar and selecting "Display images in thumbnail mode" or "Display images in list mode". You can continue to add images to this group by conducting more searches and selecting new images. To save these new images to your existing group, highlight the images you want, go to Image Groups in the toolbar, and select "Append selected images to existing group". The appropriate radio button will be preselected so you need only choose which group to save to, and then click "Save".

❖ Adding Personal Notes to images

Registered Users may also add Personal Notes to any image in ARTstor. These notes are private and only you may view them when you log onto your ARTstor account. To add a personal note, double-click on the caption beneath the thumbnail image of choice. When you are logged onto your account, you will see an additional tab in the Data Information window marked "Personal Notes." Click on this tab to access a free text field where you may key in any commentary that you wish to attach to an image. You may also cut and paste text from another electronic document. Click the "Save" button to preserve your personal notes.

❖ Downloading the Offline Image Viewer

The Offline Image Viewer is a presentation tool that Registered Users can download by going to the "Tools" toolbar button and selecting the "Download Offline Viewer" option. You may use the Offline Image Viewer to give presentations using images that you found in ARTstor and saved into an Image Group. You can also incorporate any local images that you may have saved, so that you can present them alongside the ARTstor images. For more information, please see:

http://www.artstor.org/webhelp/Offline_Image_Viewer.htm.

How do I register to a Shared Folder?

If your tutor has instructed you to register to an ARTstor Shared Folder, you will need to register for an account. Once you have logged onto your account, go to the "Tools" toolbar button and select "Access Shared Folder". This will open a Registration Form that prompts you to enter your name and **Password**, which your Tutor should have given to you. Once you have finished filling in the form, click on the "Register" button to confirm your registration. Now you can access that Shared Folder by going to the "View Image Groups" menu on the Welcome Page. Use the first drop-down menu to select the Shared Folder to which you are registered, then use the second drop-down to choose the Image Group that you wish to view.

How do I use ARTstor Off-Campus?

If you are connecting to ARTstor from off-campus, ARTstor needs to validate that you are an authorized user of the database. One way to do this is to connect to ARTstor through the University web cache server. Follow the instructions in section (1) of <http://www.york.ac.uk/services/library/ejournal/howtoconnect.htm>. If you can set up your browser in this way you will be given a University network address, so that ARTstor recognises you as coming from the University of York.

If you can't do the above registered users have an alternative way of using ARTstor off-campus. Each time you log onto your ARTstor account, you are given a 120-day Remote Access Grace Period during which time you may access ARTstor from anywhere in the world. Point your web browser to <http://www.artstor.org> and click on the link to "Search and browse for images." When you are off-campus, you will be prompted to enter the email address and password that you used to register your ARTstor account. As long as you've logged onto your account within the last 120 days, you will be able to go directly into the Digital Library. Once you have registered, each time you logon to ARTstor from on campus your access grace period is reset to the maximum length of 120 days.

What am I allowed to do with ARTstor?

Since ARTstor offers images gathered from many sources, users should be sensitive to the concerns of the content providers who make these resources available. When you are using ARTstor, you are subject to the Terms and Conditions of Use, which ask you to limit your use of ARTstor images to non-commercial, educational, and scholarly activities. For example, you may download a copy of an ARTstor image to illustrate a research paper or include in a classroom presentation. But, you may not post an ARTstor image on an unrestricted web site that is not password-protected or access-restricted. For further guidance on the Permitted and Prohibited Uses of ARTstor images, please see the ARTstor Terms and Conditions of Use:

http://www.artstor.org/info/about/terms_conditions.jsp.

How can I get help with using ARTstor?

First, check the ARTstor Technical Specifications to make sure that your computer is compatible:

http://www.artstor.org/info/using_artstor/techspecs.jsp. One of the most common problems is being unable to open an image when you double-click on a thumbnail. Make sure that any pop-up blockers that you have installed are disabled, or hold down your "Ctrl" key while clicking on the image.

While working in the Digital Library, you can also consult ARTstor's online Help Index by going to the "Help" toolbar button and selecting the "ARTstor Help" option. The other options, "Ask a question" and "Report a problem," will launch web forms that you can use to contact ARTstor directly. ARTstor User Services is available for user support Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 8 PM, whether by phone (toll free – USA only: 888-278-0079) or email (userservices@artstor.org).

If you prefer to speak to someone at York the local ARTstor User Support contact is: Jane Henley, History of Art Subject Librarian, email: ajh1@york.ac.uk, tel. (01904 43)3872