

# Weisman Art Museum Experience

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This practice can be used with a wide range of skills levels and learning abilities. Divided into three activities, the practice integrates as introduction to navigating the web with a high quality cultural experience. The writing portion of the assignment gives learners an opportunity to interpret and appreciate art.

First, learners are introduced to the Weisman Art Museum by visiting the web site <http://www.weisman.umn.edu/>. An instructor-created scavenger hunt takes learners through the portion of the web site dedicated to the architecture of the building, thereby introducing the learner to modern art in architecture. The scavenger hunt is a good way to make sure the learners get the most out of the visit to the web site. Next, a field trip to the museum may be planned or the class may take a virtual tour of the collection. Finally, the learners write about one of the works of art seen during the virtual tour.

This lesson is technology-driven, so a computer with Internet access is required. If a trip to the museum is possible, transportation and admission fees will be the only other expenses. Following is the scavenger hunt created for the Weisman Art Museum Experience.

## Weisman Art Museum -- University of Minnesota

Scavenger Hunt at the Web Site

[www.weisman.umn.edu](http://www.weisman.umn.edu)

(Click on *Architecture & History*, and then *Building Surprises* to start)



- 1) What are the names of Frank Gehry's sons?
- 2) Where did Frank Gehry study architecture?
- 3) Name 2 other Frank Gehry buildings.
- 4) What award did Gehry receive in 1989?

5) Gehry compares drawing to which sport?



- 6) How does the Weisman contrast with its surroundings?
- 7) A TV weatherman compared to the Weisman to a structure from what movie?
- 8) How many people came to the opening day of the Weisman?

- 9) Name 2 of the nicknames construction workers gave to the parts of the building.
- 10) What is one of the things that make the Weisman so controversial?
- 11) In building construction, what does "oil canning" mean?
- 12) What material is the information desk at the entrance of the museum made of?



PRINT and DO the Word Find

Read through the "Using Your Imagination" activities.  
Do the "Design-a-Museum" activity.

