

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART



Read the text "The Metropolitan Museum of Art". Some sentences have been removed from it. Your task is to fill in the gaps with the sentences from the list (A-D).

- A ...paintings and sculpture from nearly nil the European masters.
- B ...as well as leading artists and thinkers of the day.
- C ...ranging from 1st century Rome through modern American design.
- D ...is one of the world's largest art galleries.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is an art museum located on the eastern edge of Central Park, along what is known as Museum Mile in New York City, USA. It has a permanent collection containing more than two million works of art, divided into nineteen departments. The main building, often referred to simply as “the Met”, (1) , and has a much smaller second location in Upper Manhattan, at “The Cloisters”, which features medieval art.

Represented in the permanent collection are works of art from classical antiquity and Ancient Egypt, (2) , and an extensive collection of American and modern art. The Met also maintains extensive holdings of African, Asian, Oceanic, Byzantine and Islamic art. The museum is also home to encyclopedic collections of musical instruments, costumes and accessories, and antique weapons and armor from around the world. A number of notable interiors, (3) , are permanently installed in the Met's galleries.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in 1870 by a group of American citizens. The founders included businessmen and financiers, (4) , who wanted to open a museum to bring art and art education to the American people. It opened on February 20, 1872.

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Say TRUE or FALSE

_____ 1) The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located on the eastern edge of Central Park, in New York City, UK.

_____ 2) The museum is also home to encyclopedic collections of musical instruments, costumes and accessories, and antique weapons and armor from around the USA.

_____ 3) A number of notable interiors are permanently installed in the Met's galleries.

_____ 4) The Metropolitan Museum of Science was founded in 1870 by a group of American citizens.

_____ 5) As of 2007, the Met measures almost a quarter mile long and occupies more than two million square feet.

Match the words and phrases with the opposite meanings

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| eastern ● | ● less |
| permanent ● | ● temporary |
| more ● | ● western |
| divided ● | ● modern |
| simply ● | ● foreigners |
| smaller ● | ● unimpressive |
| classical ● | ● exclusive |
| extensive ● | ● difficultly |
| notable ● | ● undivided |
| citizens ● | ● bigger |