

Art A Day 50th Challenge!

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

We challenge you to an art activity each day of the School Closure! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us in the comments and on Instagram @WCMFA and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE

This is our 50th CHALLENGE! We decided to celebrate by using our lovely goddess, Diana as inspiration.

Stuff you'll need: Read through the challenge to decide...the materials you use are up to you!

Words you need to know:

S-curve: an "S"-shaped curve which serves a wide variety of compositional purposes. The term is usually applied to the standing human figure bending first one way and then back the other.

LOOK At this sculpture of the Roman goddess, Diana created by American artist, Anna Hyatt Huntington. The goddess, Diana was thought to be the goddess of hunting. In Greek mythology, she is known as Artemis. She has become an icon at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, Maryland. Notice how she is balanced on a sphere and her hunting dog is at her feet. She has a piece of fabric draped around her and it looks as though she has just shot her arrow above her head. Her body is positioned in a slight **S-curve**. This is not only to create a strong composition, but it also helps to physically balance her so the sculpture can stand freely. She has a wreath-crown of leaves around her head as well. Diana is placed in the museum's round room, or rotunda, surrounded by glass and pillars, reminiscent of Roman and Greek temples that also housed statues of gods and goddesses.



Anna Hyatt Huntington
American, 1876-1973
Diana of the Chase, 1922

THINK about objects and animals around your house that- within the next 15 minutes, you could gather together to recreate this statue composition!

MAKE your body look like Diana of the Chase (just leave your clothes on)! While looking at the sculpture, pose your body to resemble her posture and position. Try to recreate the famous **S-curve** that so many sculptures include. Take a picture and share it with us on Facebook and Instagram! Then, take a picture of your family members- your little brother, your sister, your dad, your mom...your cat, EVERYONE! Take their pictures too and share it with us!

Writing Extension: Write about what Diana is hunting with her bow and arrow? Why did she shoot above her head? What happens next?

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