

# Art A Day CHALLENGE: Designer Dreams Plan Your Own Museum

## 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



Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in 1931

ideals **classical** civilization. **Architecture** is carefully designed structure of something (right now we are talking about buildings).

**Stuff you'll need: remember, materials are up to you!** All mediums welcome. Whatever you have! We recommend: paper, a pencil, an eraser, and a ruler.

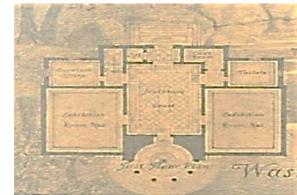
### Words you need to know:

#### Neoclassical architecture:

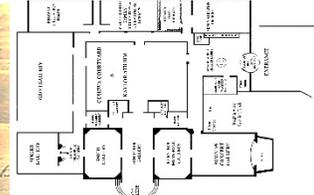
**Neo** means new. **classical** means relating to the ancient Greek and Roman world and especially to its literature, art, **architecture**, or



N.B. Mead, *Washington County Museum of Fine Arts*, ca. 1928-1930  
Pencil on paper, Hyde & Shepherd Architects, original firm drawing with floor plans



WCMFA Floor Plan Then (1930)



WCMFA Floor Plan Now (2020)

**LOOK** at the drawings of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. The floor plans, or design for the building, are the original drawings of the WCMFA building. The architects (Hyde & Shepherd), were inspired by ancient designs from the Romans. Sometimes architects favored certain styles. WCMFA is created in a **Neoclassical** style. Although there have been additions on the building and galleries have been refurbished, the museum's design has followed the same design ideas as the original plan. Some elements found in this style are:

- Symmetrical floorplans
- Simplicity of form
- Built to achieve classical perfection (from Greeks and Romans)
- Uncluttered appearance (minimum decorations)
- Roofs are flat and often domed
- Supported with tall columns (Doric or Ionic)
- Gardens around buildings follow geometric pattern

**MAKE** a floor plan for dream museum using the **Neoclassical** design elements. Use the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and other famous **Neoclassical** styled buildings (like the White House) as your inspiration. Remember the obvious parts like entrances and hallways as well as the above elements. Name the rooms/galleries on your plan and give your museum a name.

**Extension:** What kind of museum did you design? What types of objects will your museum hold?



Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in 2020

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