

Art A Day CHALLENGE: Rotundas Among Us Well “Rounded” Romans

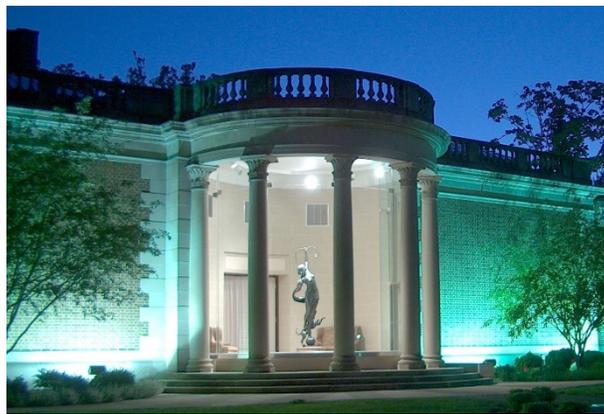
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

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

Stuff you'll need: remember, materials are up to you! All mediums welcome. Whatever you have! Recommended: Scrap paper, pencils, glue, cardboard, toilet paper/paper towel tubes, & whatever else sparks inspiration!

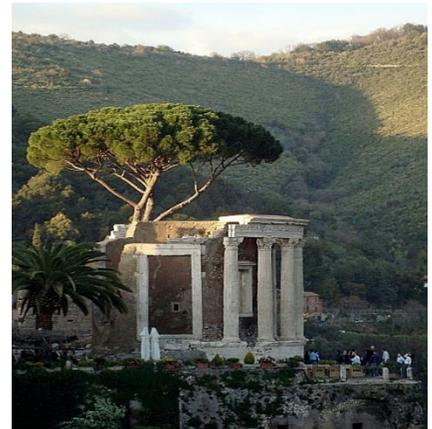
Words you need to know:

Rotunda: A building or a room in a building with a circular floor plan.



LOOK: at the

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts **Rotunda**. **Rotundas** are round rooms, usually with a dome ceiling. Sometimes **rotundas** even have large pillars or columns. This space in the WCMFA is also home to the bronze sculpture by Anna Hyatt Huntington called Diana of the Chase (the Roman goddess of hunting). The **rotunda** is a room in the museum with big glass windows that are surrounded by a beautiful rose garden. The sculpture of Diana and her dog face a lake in the center of City Park in Hagerstown, MD.



Temple of Vesta at Tivoli
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Anna Hyatt Huntington
American, 1874-1973
Diana of the Chase, 1922

The designers of the WCMFA building, or the architects (Hyde & Shepherd), were inspired by ancient designs from the Romans. Above you can see one building that may have served as inspiration. This is the Temple of Vesta at Tivoli, Italy. Romans created temples like this as a place to worship gods and goddesses. Usually, temples also housed statues of the goddesses and gods that were being worshipped in the temple.

THINK: Why do you think the decision was made to place the goddess sculpture, Diana of the Hunt, in the museum **rotunda**? Why do you think Romans created circular temples to worship gods and goddesses? Do you know of any buildings that have **rotundas** besides the WCMFA?

MAKE your own **rotunda**! Use cardboard, scrap paper, toilet paper/paper towel roll tubes, clay, etc. What will you place in the center? Search the Roman gods/goddesses and create a temple for the god that you find interesting. Search for Roman god/goddess of (whatever your interest is). Draw, sculpt, cut out, the god that you selected and place it in the center of your **rotunda**.

Extension: What do you and the god/goddess you selected have in common?

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