

The Museum of Modern Art

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FACT SHEET

SUBJECT

THE TEACHING INFORMATION CENTER AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

FOCUS

Directed by the Museum's Department of Education, the TEACHING INFORMATION CENTER is designed to provide information and to foster creative thinking among teachers and administrators in the fields of art, art education, and related disciplines. The Center's special programs and library of curriculum and school-related resources help teachers provide their students with an understanding of modern art. Connections are fostered between works of art in the Museum's collection and classroom studies.

PROGRAMS

TEACHER WORKSHOPS, organized in collaboration with teachers, suggest strategies for developing Museum-related studies and projects. The workshops aim to increase teachers' familiarity with modern art and serve as a forum for exchange between teachers and staff members.

CONSULTATION SESSIONS with Museum staff members are available to teachers wishing to design individualized programs on modern art that meet the specific needs and interests of their classes. These forty-five-minute consultations are conducted free of charge, by appointment, and may be scheduled by calling Cara Chandler, Teaching Information Center Coordinator, at 212/708-9864.

INFORMATION SESSIONS provide a forum for teachers and administrators to find out about upcoming educational programs, to suggest new areas for program development, and to evaluate existing programs. These sessions are available by appointment (see CONSULTATION SESSIONS for scheduling details).

RESOURCES

A LENDING LIBRARY of audio-visual resources contains slide sets, films, and videotapes on modern and contemporary art. These materials may be selected and borrowed by New York City public high school teachers and other members of the Museum's School Programs.

A REFERENCE LIBRARY contains over one hundred volumes, including city and state curriculum guides and periodicals on art, art education, art history, aesthetics, museum studies, and developmental psychology and perception.

CURRICULUM MATERIALS, developed by the Department of Education in collaboration with teachers, include guides to the Museum's collection, information on how to prepare for a group visit, sample lesson plans, handouts on self-guided students visits, and bibliographies on modern art.

GENERAL
INFORMATION

The Teaching Information Center is open to all teachers of grades five through twelve for reference, study, and general use. Hours are on Thursdays, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Consultation sessions with Museum staff members may be arranged at these and other times by appointment; call 212/708-9864. The Center is located in the Edward John Noble Education Center on the Museum's ground floor, overlooking The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden.

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For further information or photographic materials, contact the Department of Public Information, 212/708-9750.