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M6U1 Using Language

The Best Of Manhattan's Art Galleries

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Activity 1 Lead-in

1. Have you ever been to an art gallery?

Mu Xin art gallery

Jun Tao art gallery

Di Yuan art gallery

2. What were/ will be on display?

paintings

handcrafts

sculptures

calligraphy works

photographs

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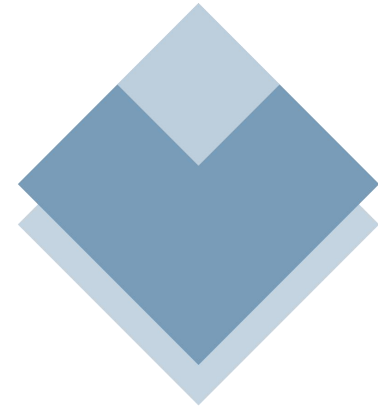
Activity 2 Reading for basic facts

1. Scan the passage and locate the five galleries on the map(Page 6).

1. Guggenheim Museum
2. Metropolitan Museum Of Art
3. The Frick Collection
4. Whitney Museum of American Art
5. Museum of Modern Art



What are displayed in each gallery?



Activity 3 Reading for details



The Frick Collection

5th Avenues and E. 70th Street



a steelmaking giant

Many art lovers *would rather* visit this *small* art gallery *than* any other in New York. **Why?**

Henry Clay Frick, *a rich New Yorker*, died in 1919, leaving his house, furniture, and *art collection* to the American people.

What's special about it?

Frick *had a preference for* pre-twentieth century Western paintings, and these are *well-represented in this excellent collection*. You can also ^{=tour around} *explore* Frick's beautiful home and garden *which are well worth a visit*.









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学以致用——应用文：

久负盛名的木心的艺术作品被很好地展现在这个极佳的展览中，值得你到此一游。作为参观者，你可以在此欣赏令人惊叹的画作、探索艺术馆的布局、（甚至）在吧台品尝一些小吃。

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Who will be attracted to it? What will he/she see?

personification

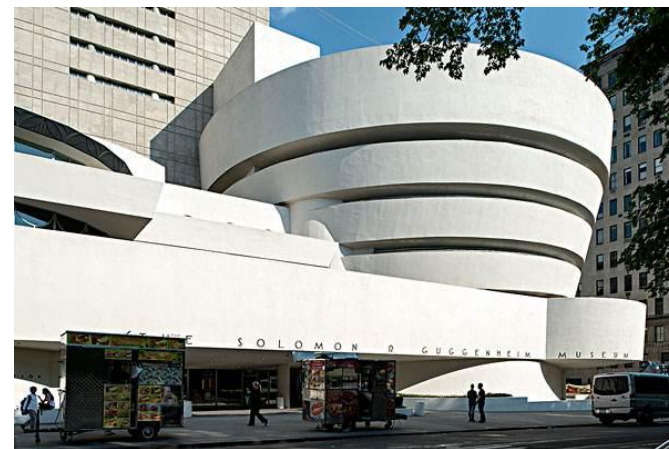
=fantastic/terrific

*This museum **owns** 5,000 **superb** modern paintings, sculptures and drawings. These art works are not all =exhibited **displayed** at the same time. The **exhibition** is always changing. It will =attract **appeal to** those who love Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings.*

学以致用——应用文：

木心美术馆拥有600余件极好的绘画与文学作品，这些作品将吸引那些对艺术和文学有所追求的人前来欣赏。

Mu Xin Art Gallery owns more than 600 superb /fantastic /terrific paintings and literary works, which appeals to those who love arts and literature.



Guggenheim Museum

5th Avenue and 88th Street



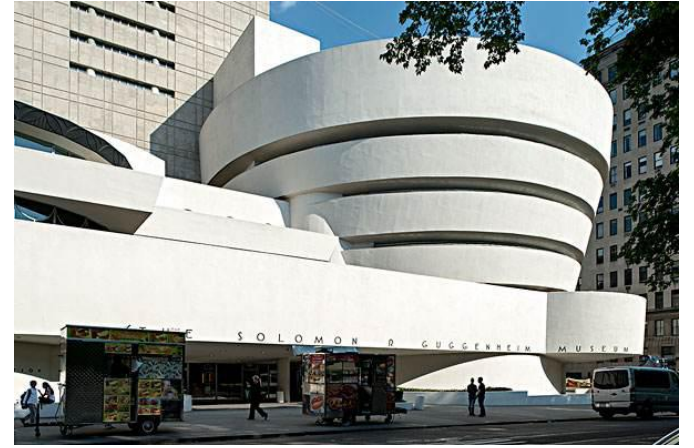
◀ What else are the museum famous for?

*The Guggenheim Museum building is also **world-famous**. When you walk into the gallery, you feel **as if you were** inside **a fragile, white seashell**. The best way to see the paintings is to start from the top floor and walk down to the bottom. There are no stairs, just **a circular path**. The museum also has an excellent restaurant.*

学以致用——应用文：

木心美术馆的设计以“桥”为特色，是由举世闻名的设计师设计的。所以当你走在连接展馆间的小路上，就好像走在了桥上。

*The design of Mu Xin Art Gallery is featured with “bridges” and is conducted by **world-famous** designers. Therefore, you would feel **as if you were** walking on bridges when you are stepping on the **paths** connecting the buildings.*



Guggenheim Museum

5th Avenue and 88th Street





Metropolitan Museum Of Art

5th Avenue and 82nd Street



*The reputation of this museum lies in the **variety** of its art collection.*

How did the author show the “variety” ?

In Time span: *5,000 years of civilization*

*from all corners of the world, **including** America,*

In regional disparity: *other African countries and South America.*

In ways of exhibition: *more than just **visual** ^{艺术带给视觉的愉悦} delights of art. It introduces you to ancient ways of living. You can visit an Egyptian temple, a **fragrant** Ming garden, a typical room in an 18th century French house and many other special exhibitions.*

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The Met Fifth Avenue

Which style(s) of western art are you expected to see in MOMA? How did you infer from the text?

*It is amazing that so many **great works of art from the late 19th century** to **the 21st century** are housed in the same museum. The collection of Western art includes paintings by such **famous artists as Monet, Van Gogh, Picasso, and Matisse**. A few words of warning: admission price is not cheap and the museum is often very crowded.*

impressionism

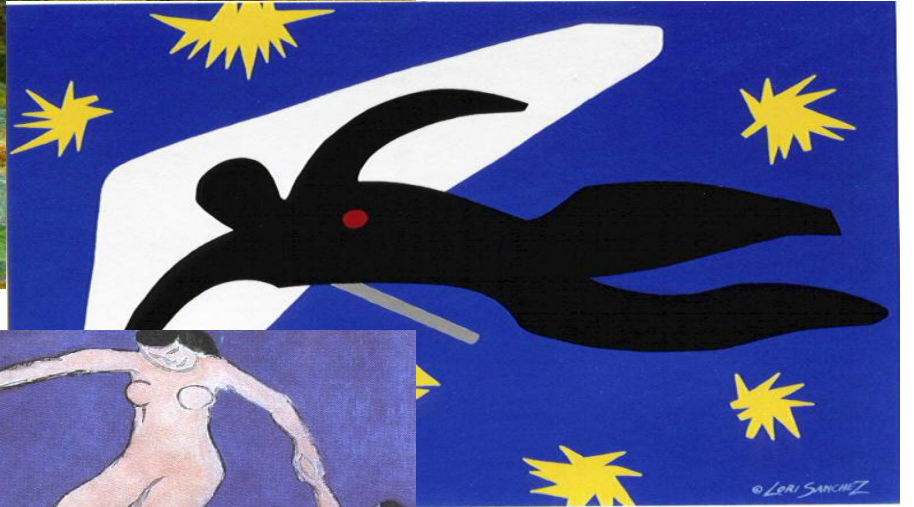
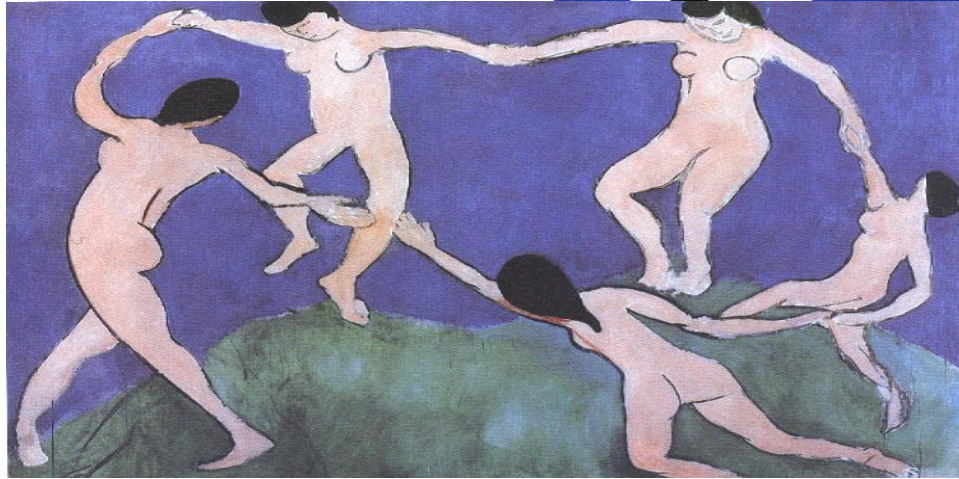
modern art



**Museum of Modern Art
(MOMA)**

***53rd Street, between 5th and 6th
Avenues***





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学以致用——应用文：

令人惊叹的是木心美术馆还收藏了尼采(Nietzsche)的手稿(manuscripts)。因为门票价格不贵，参观的人很多，所以你要来的话要提前订票。

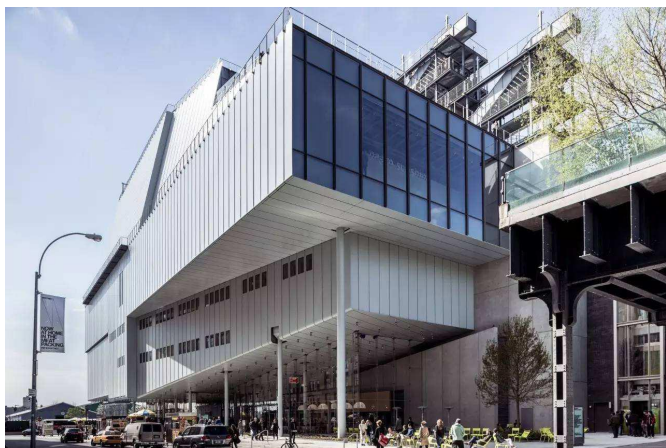
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Avenues*





**Whitney Museum of
American Art**

*945 Madison Avenue, near
75th St.*



Do you know much about the founder?

Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, became **a sculptor** in early 20th century New York where she was raised, and, rather than having a reputation for her own creativity, was better known as **heir** to a fortune, **sponsor of the arts**, and

How does the exhibition in Whitney Museum different from that in other museums?

*The Whitney **holds an excellent collection of contemporary** American painting and sculpture. There are no permanent displays in this museum and exhibitions change all the time. **Every two years, the Whitney holds a special exhibition of new art by living artists.** The museum also shows videos and films by contemporary artists.*

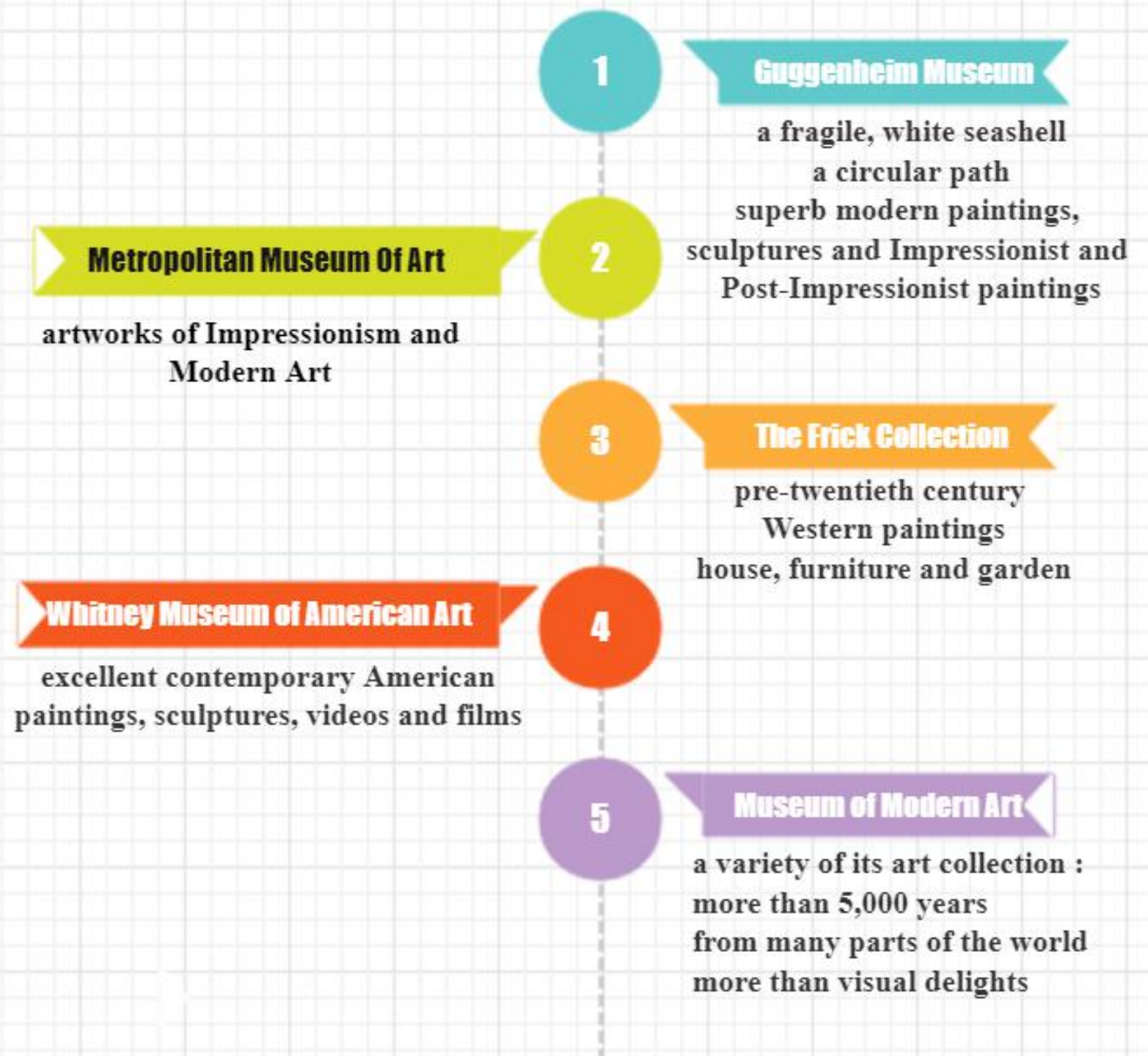
Whitney Biennial 惠特尼双年展

5th Floor



Activity 4 Summary

What are housed
in the best of
Manhattan's art
galleries?



Activity 3 Writing

假定你是李华，你的德国朋友Nick想来参观木心美术馆，向你咨询参观事宜，请给他写一封回信，内容包括：1. 欢迎观展；2. 展馆特色和展览内容。注意：1. 字数80左右；2. 可适当增加细节，使行文连贯。

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Assignment

1. Polish your writing and share it with your classmate, asking them to help you improve it.
2. Consolidate the useful expressions, use them in your future writings as many as possible.

