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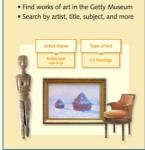


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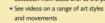


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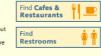




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Degas, Manet, Monet, Pissarro, and Renoir



art in the Getty Museum by Italian artists from 1400 to 1600



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Vincent van Gogh Saint-Rémy, France, 1889



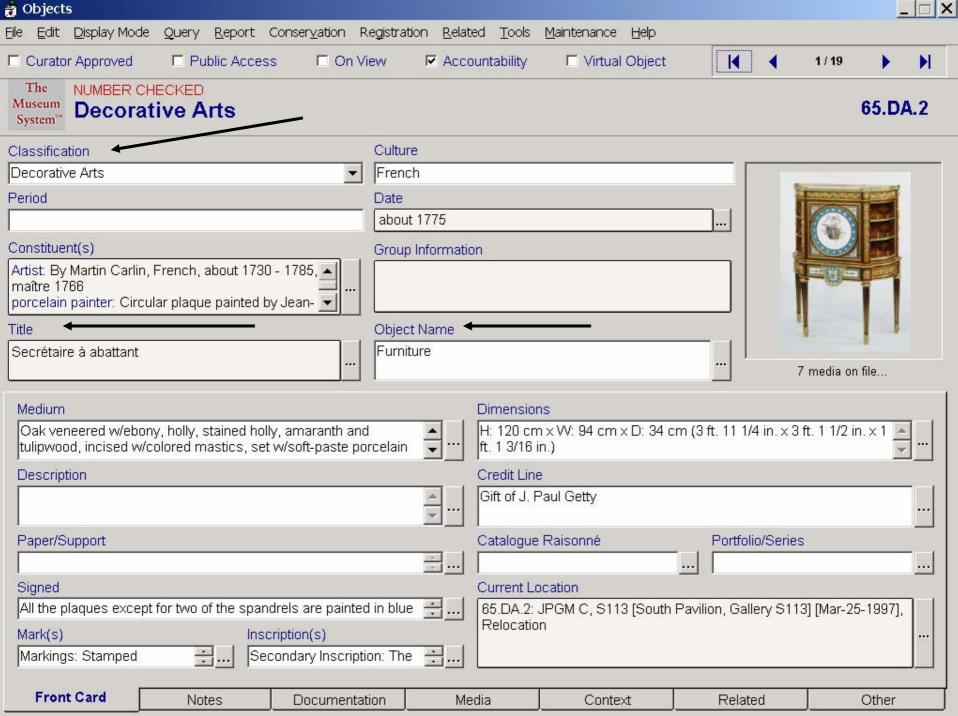
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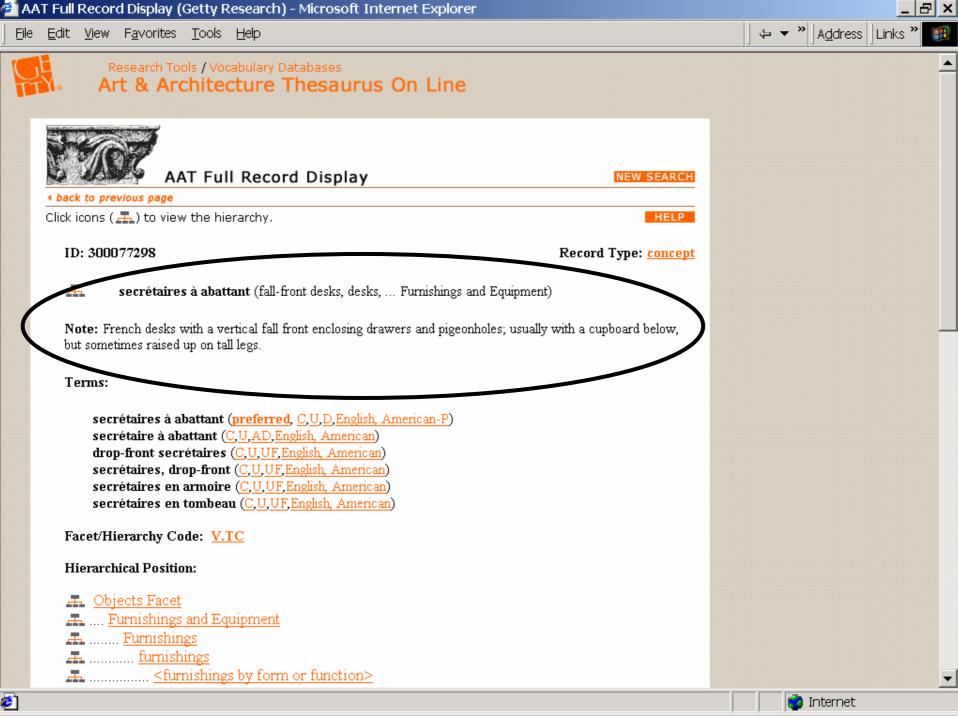
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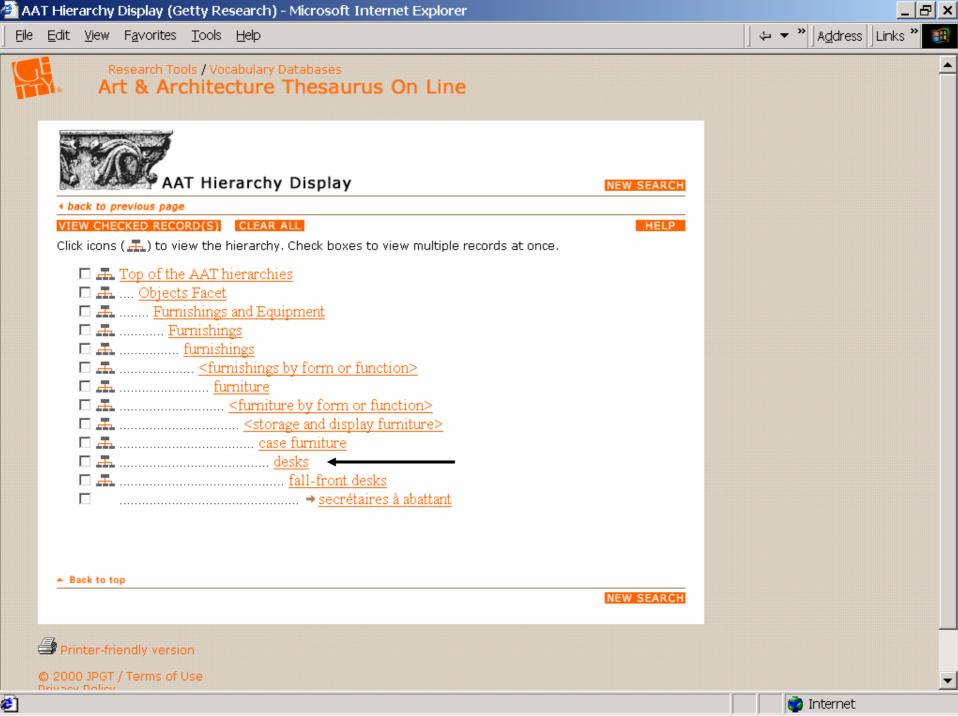


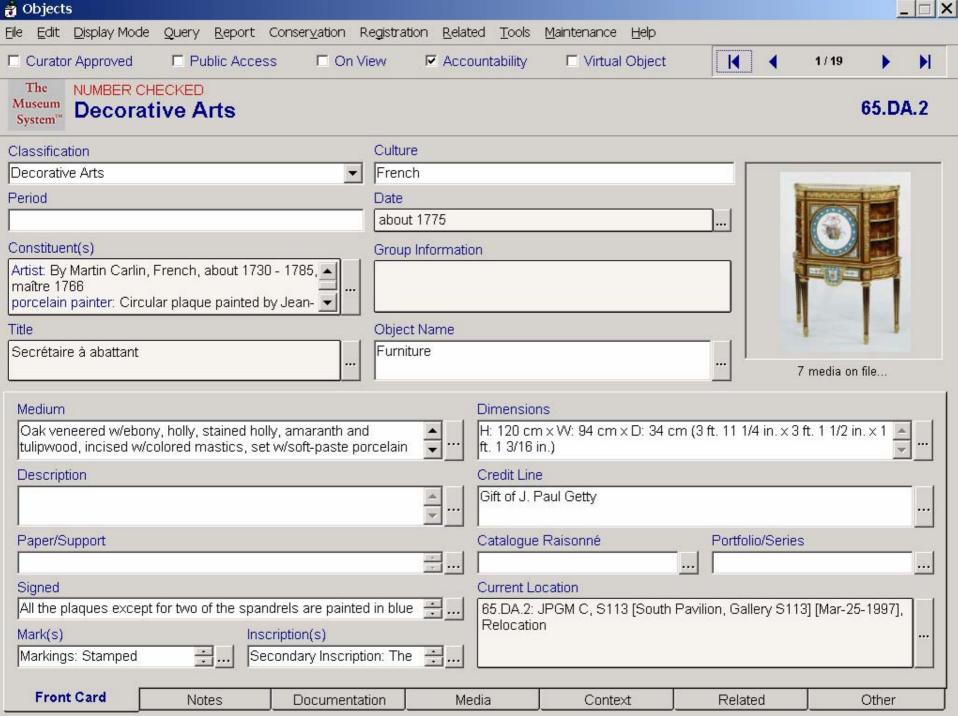
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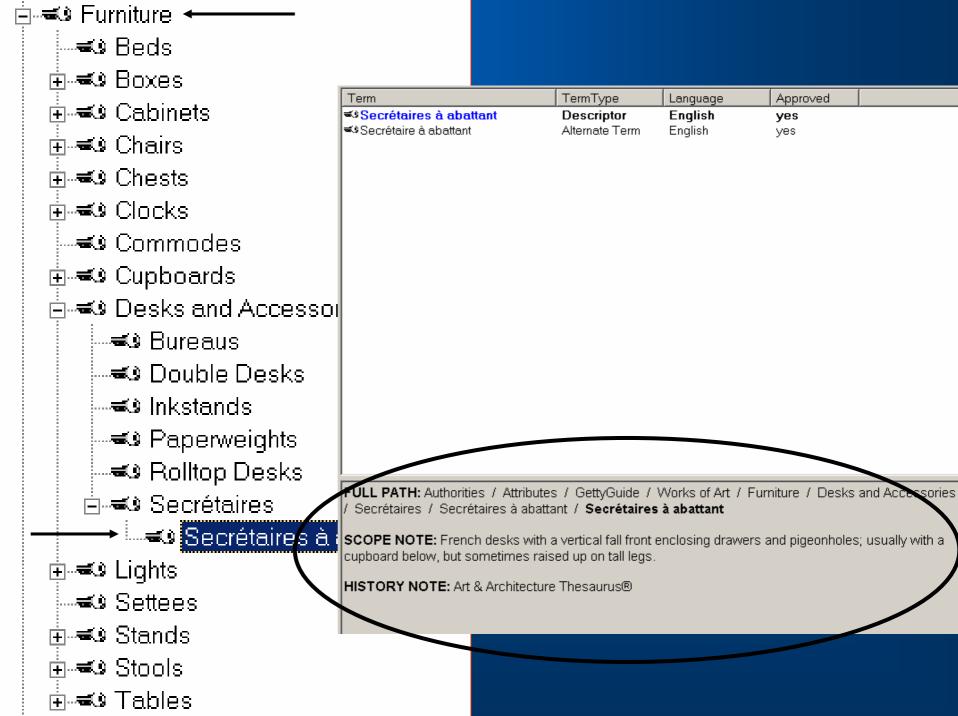
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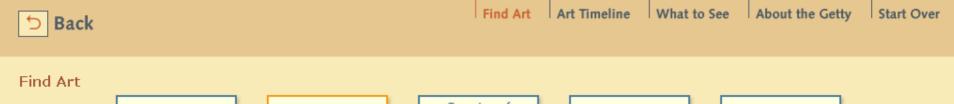


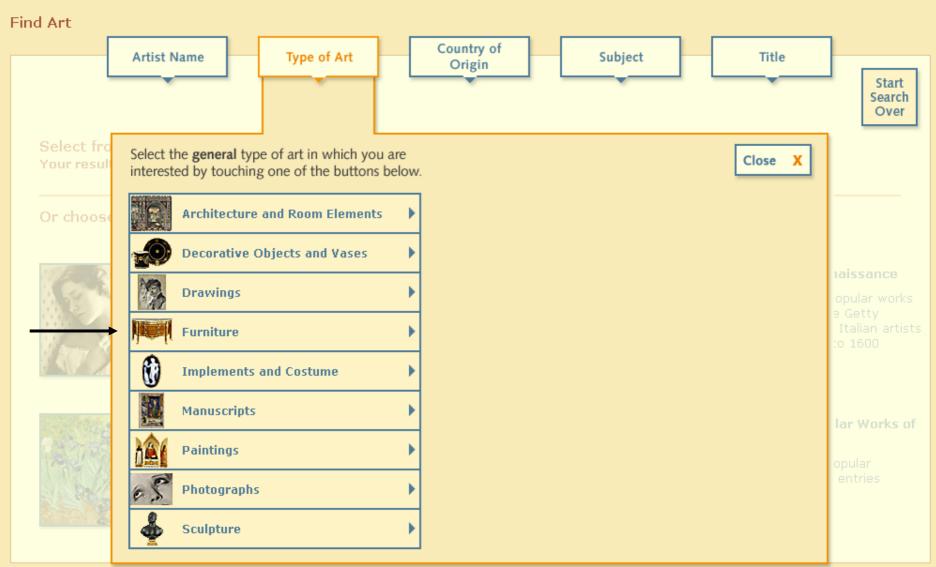












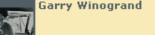




















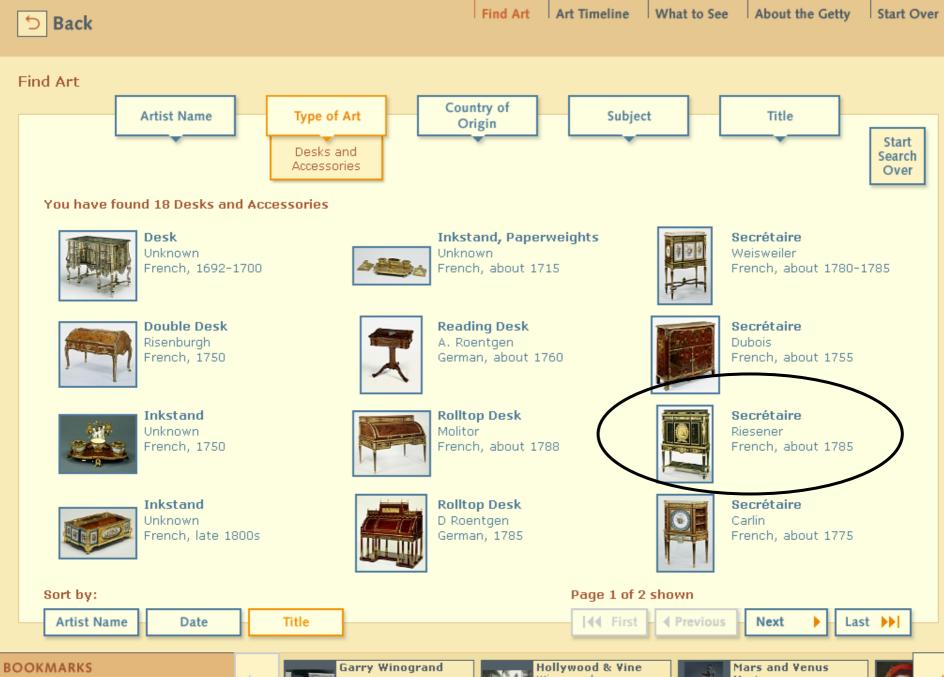


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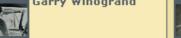
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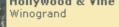
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Secrétaire

Attributed to Jean-Henri Riesener

French, Paris, about 1785 Oak veneered with ebony; set with panels of (MORE ▼) h: 5 ft. 1 in.; w: 3 ft. 8 1/2 in.; d: 1 ft. 6 3/8 in. (....) 71.DA.104

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The front of this desk, known as a secrétaire, drops down to eveal an interior compartment divided into drawers, while fall front itself becomes a writing surface. The entire interior fittings, made of solid mahogany, can be pulled out from the front, revealing secret lidded compartments below. Such shallow pieces of ...

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Riesener b. 1734, d. 1806; master 1768



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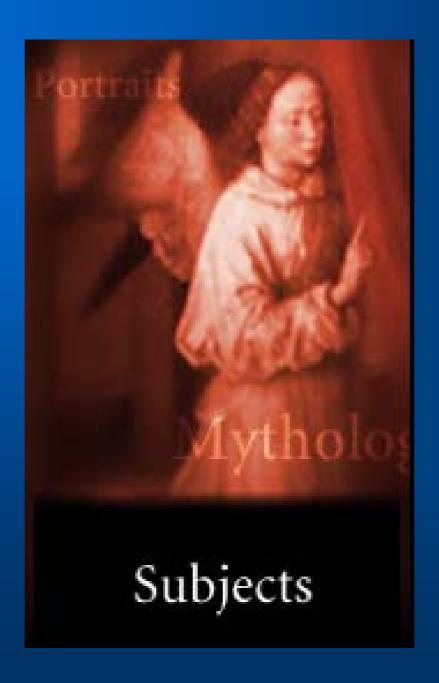
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Subject Access: Description, Identification, or Interpretation?



John Deare, Venus Reclining on a Sea Monster with Cupid and a Putto, English, 1785 - 1787, J. Paul Getty Museum

<u>Description</u>: Nude woman reclining on a goat-headed creature with a winged child shooting an arrow at them, while another child holds a torch.

<u>Identification</u>: Venus, Cupid, sea monster, putto

<u>Interpretation</u>: allegory of Lust - Venus entwines her fingers in the creature's beard representing erotic intent, while the monster licks her hand in response. Cupid is poised to shoot an arrow at Venus, while in the background a putti adds to the amorous imagery by holding a flaming torch, meant to suggest the burning ardor of desire.

Identification – What do you see?





Christ on the Cross

El Greco (Domenico Theotokopoulos)

Greek, Toledo, Spain, 1600 -1610 Oil on canvas 32 1/2 x 20 5/16 in. () 2000.40

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Isolated atop a mountain, a gaunt, tormented Christ dominates a nearly empty landscape. On a road leading to the walled city of Jerusalem, horsemen pass by the execution hill, literally turning their backs on Christ, El Greco's use of dramatic colors and exaggerated proportions distorts the figure, conveying the transcendent moment when Christ sublimated his physical pain and commended his spirit to God. Turning his eyes upward toward heaven, Christ looks away from the bones and skulls that lie at his feet, representative of his triumph over death. Light plays across his undulating form, lluminating his tortured body against the dark background. To heighten empathy between the viewer and Christ, the elemented but graceful figure appears alone. This private, devotional image was meant to encourage contemplation and spiritual reflection.

Few paintings by El Greco can be entirely attributed to the artist himself, rather than his workshop. Scholars conclude that the bold handling of paint on this canvas, which includes undulating contours and vigorous dashes, confirms that El Greco painted it himself. Purchased by a Spanish family at a flea market around 1950, it remained in their possession until recently.



El Greco b. 1541, d. 1614



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St. John El Greco Spanish, about 1600





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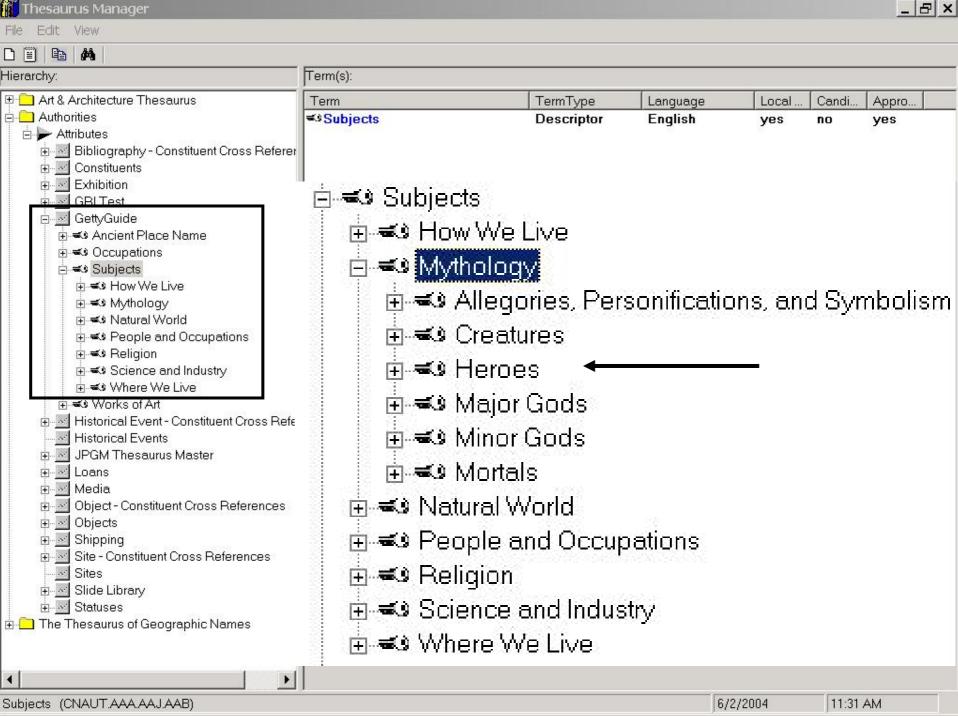


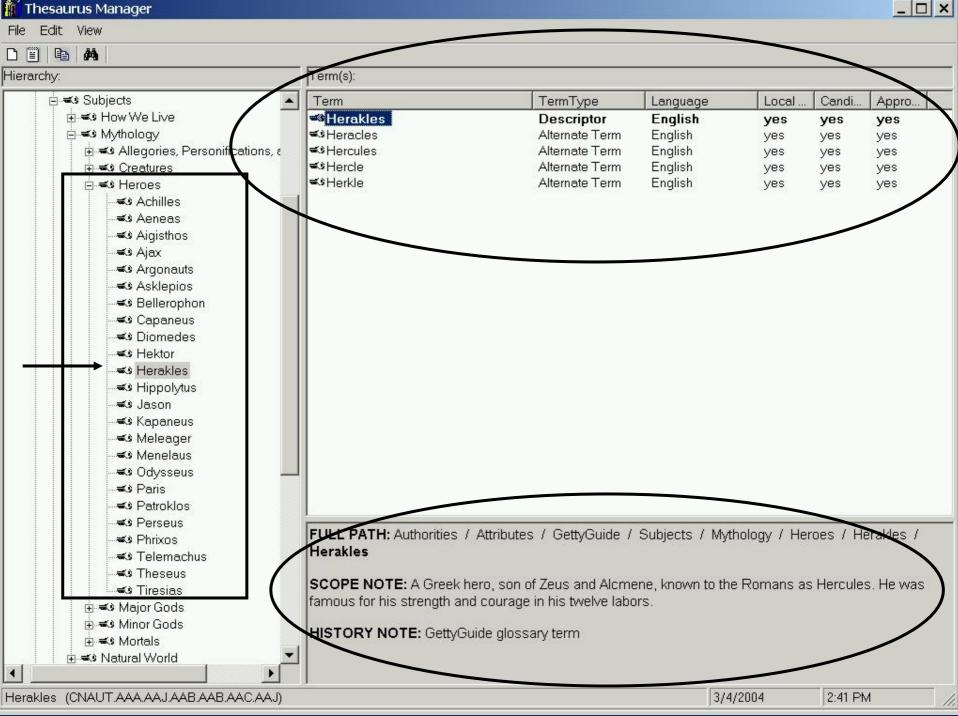
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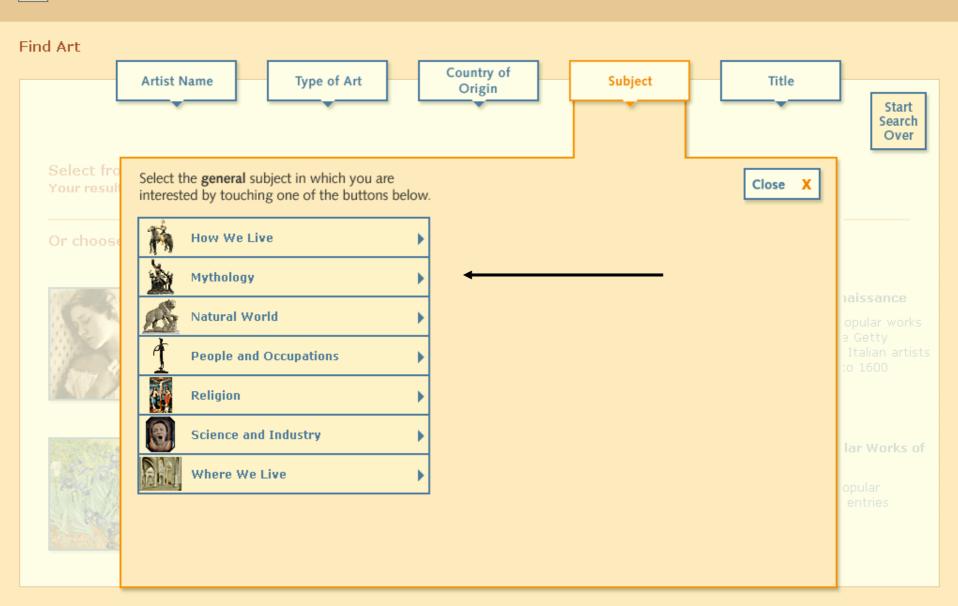


Dirk Helmbreker, Studies of a Man Smoking and a Man Drinking (recto), Dutch, about 1650 - 1660, J. Paul Getty Museum

How We Live vs. Genre or Everyday Life
Drinking as a Leisure activity





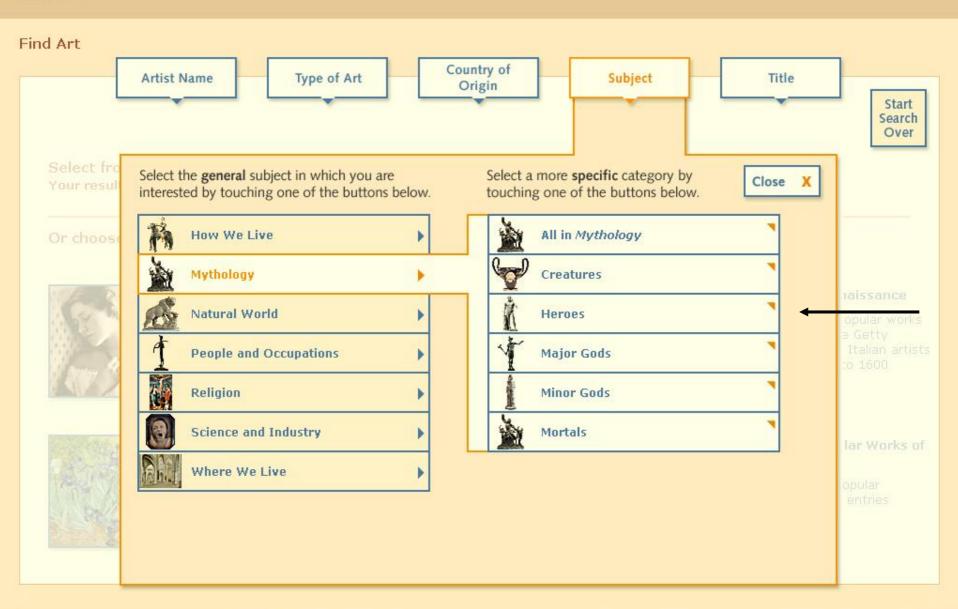




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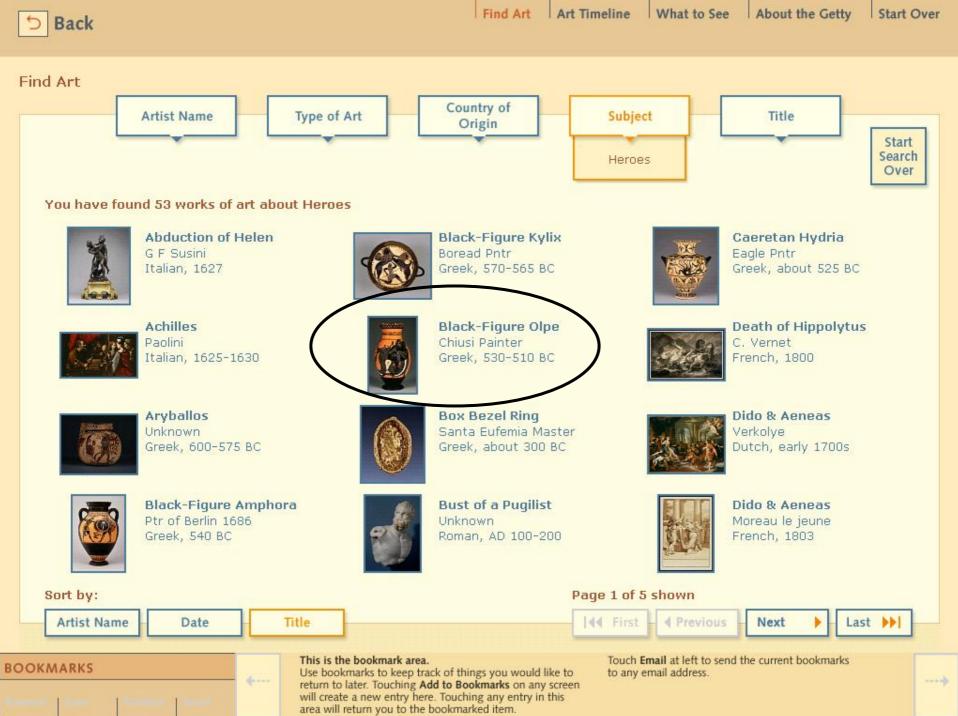
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active: about 520 BC-

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Black-Figure Olpe

Attributed to the Chiusi Painter

Greek, Athens, about 520 - 510 B.C.

Terracotta

5 1/2 in. (mm)

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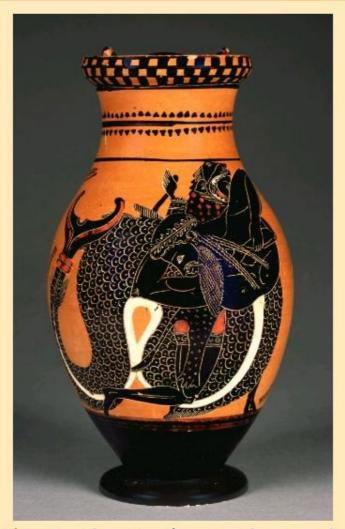
The Greek hero Herakles wrestles Triton, a fish-tailed being, on this Athenian black-figure olpe or pitcher. Herakles, identified by his lionskin, sits astride Triton, who writhes away from the hero, trying to break his grip. The figures are so closely intertwined that it is difficult to tell them apart.

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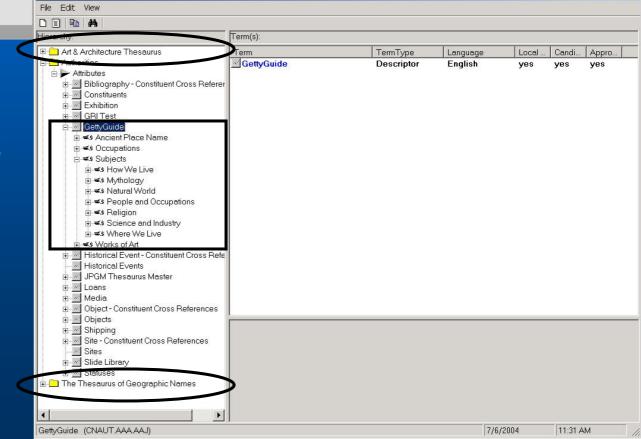


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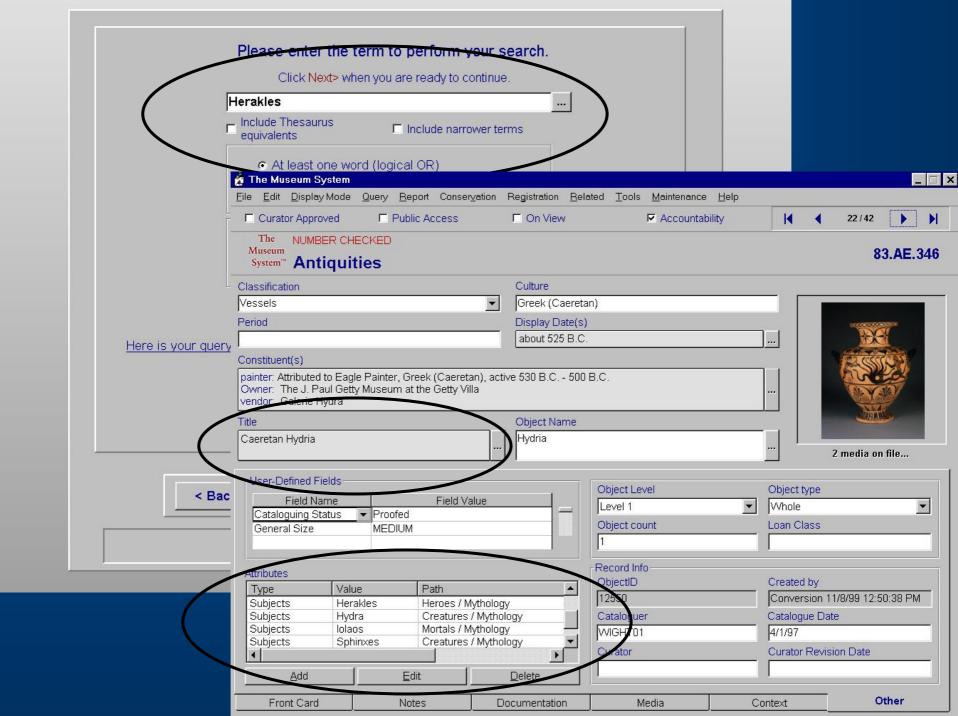
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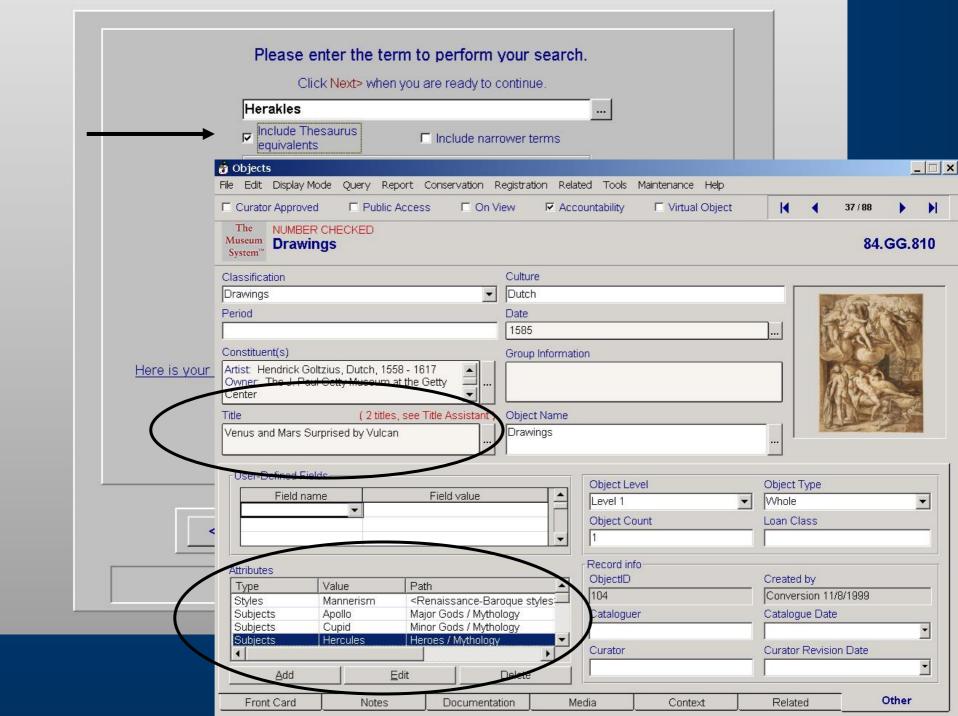
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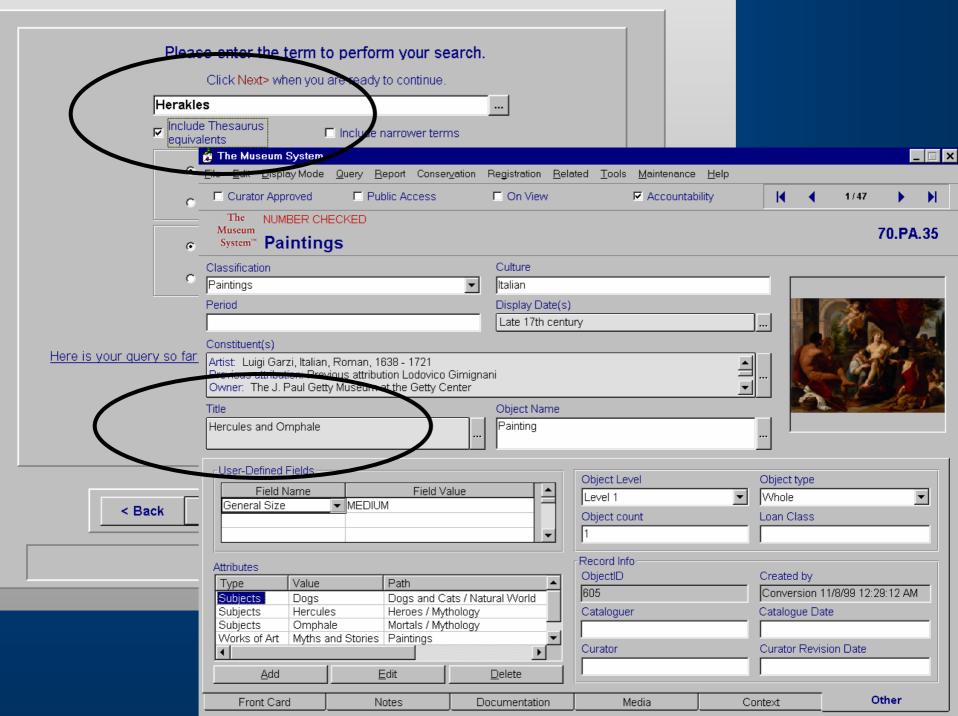
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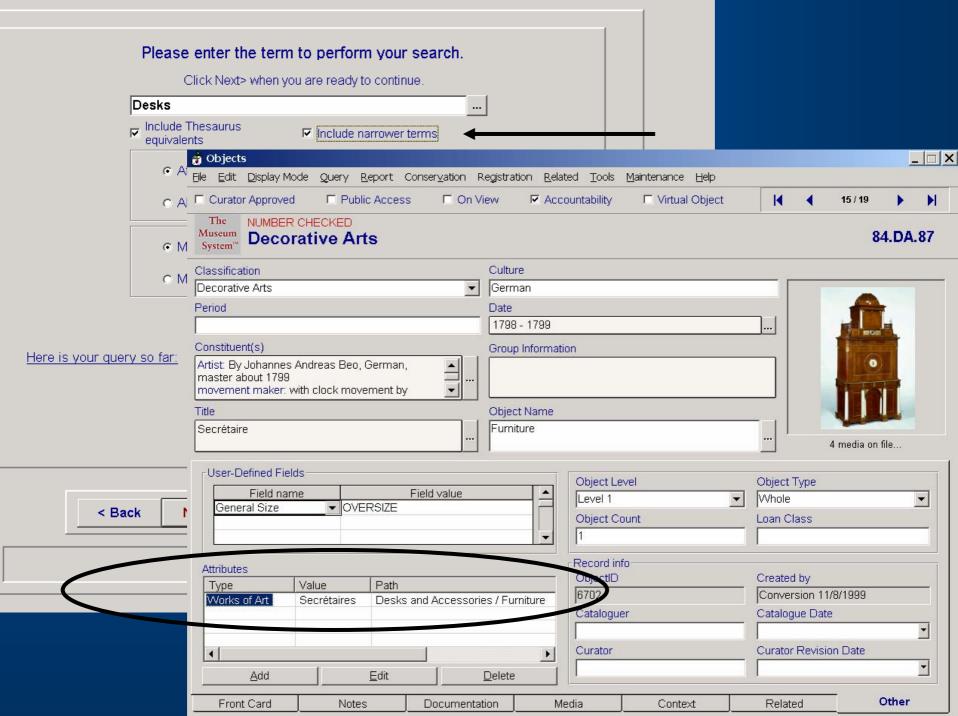


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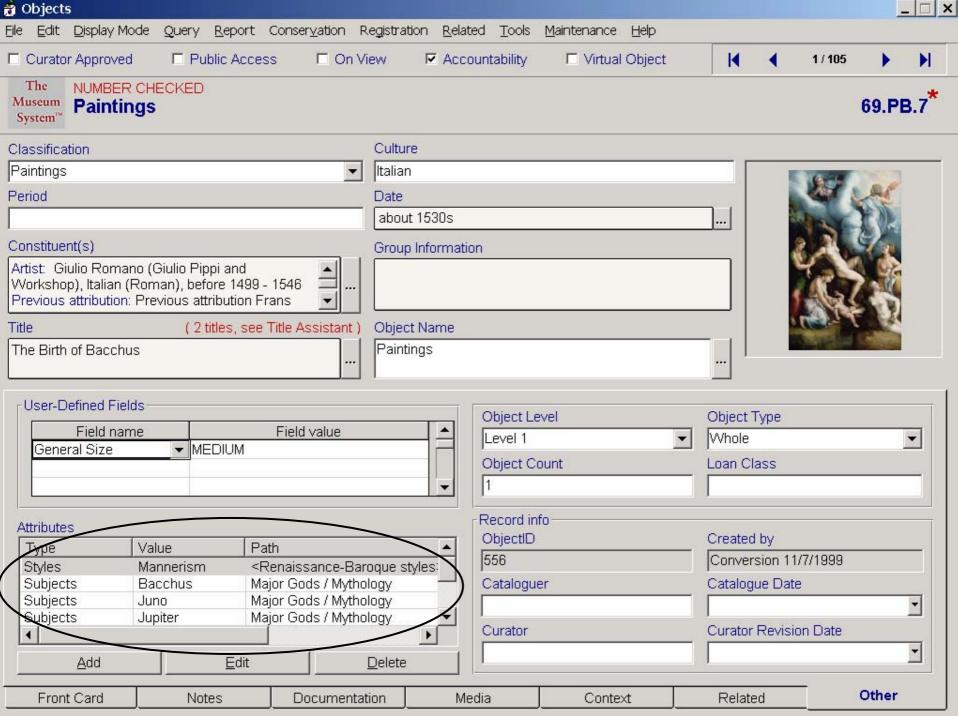
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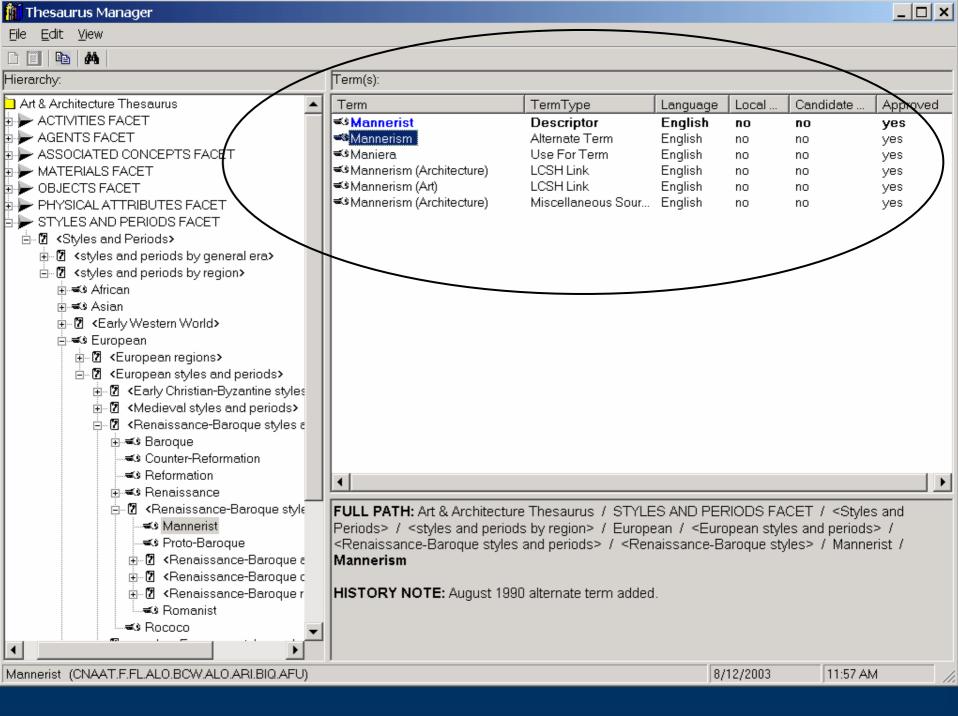
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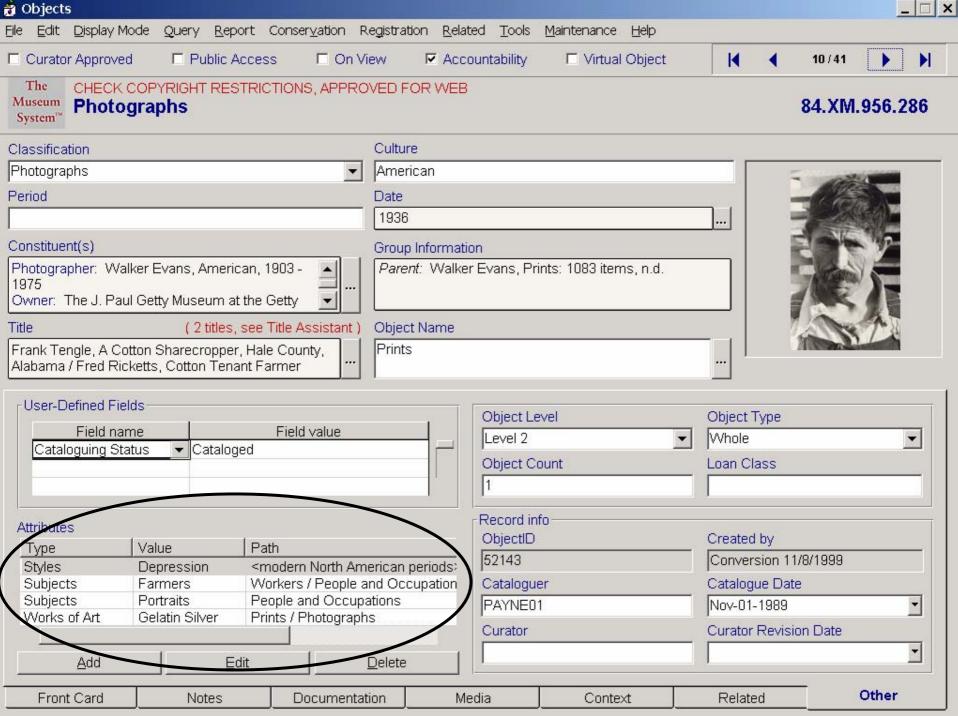


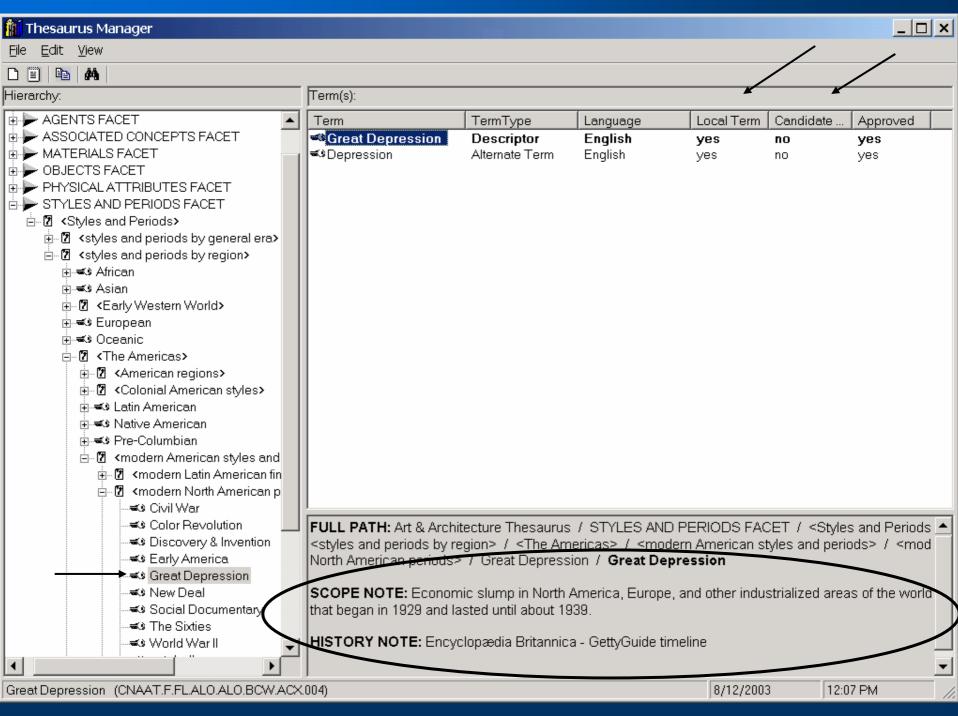
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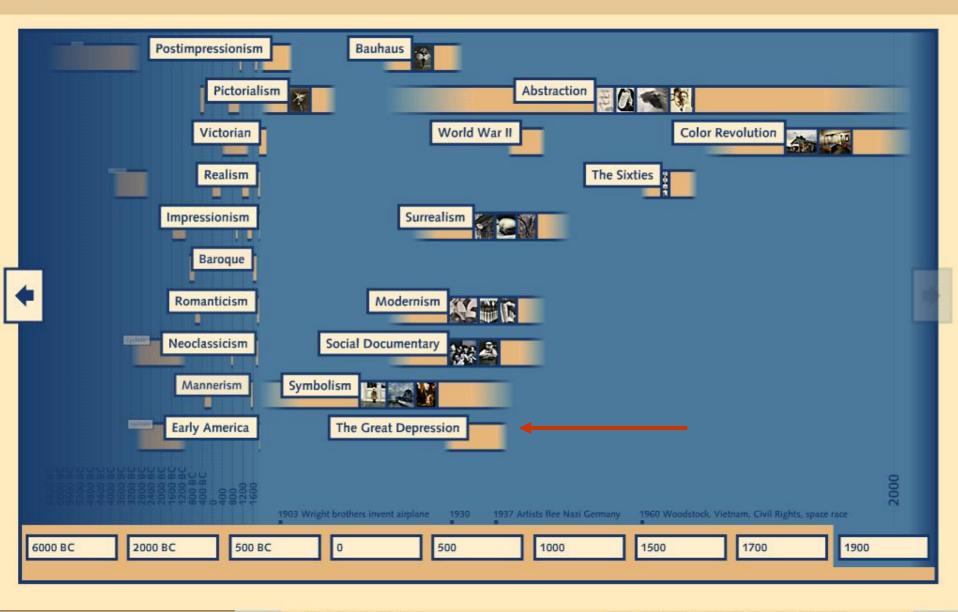
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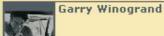




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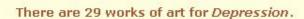
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Art Timeline





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Car with Hat on Pole Bristol American, 1938



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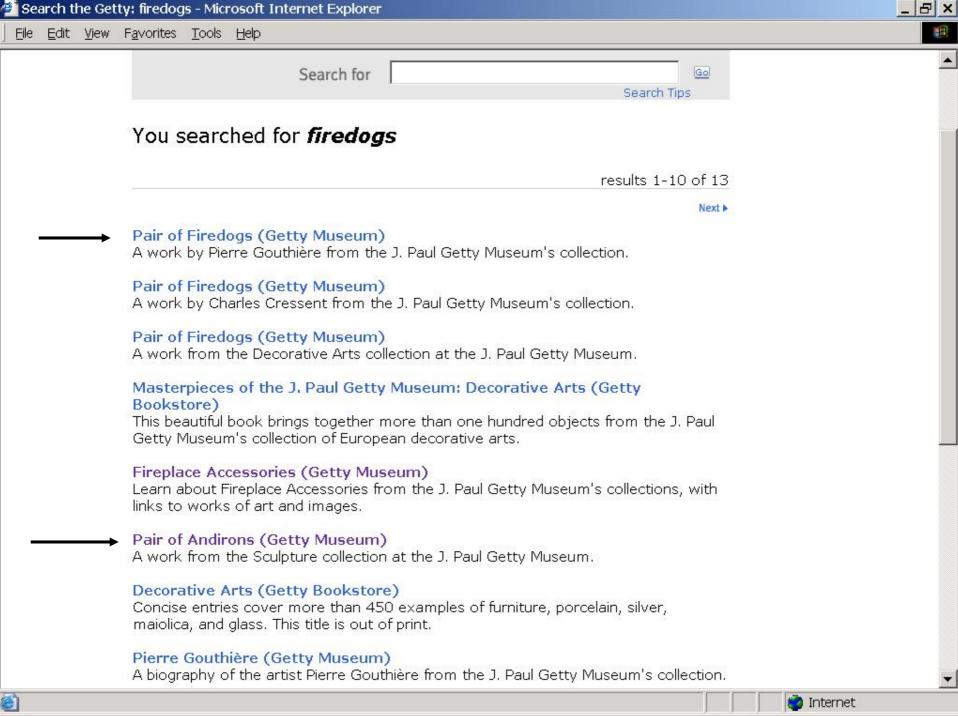
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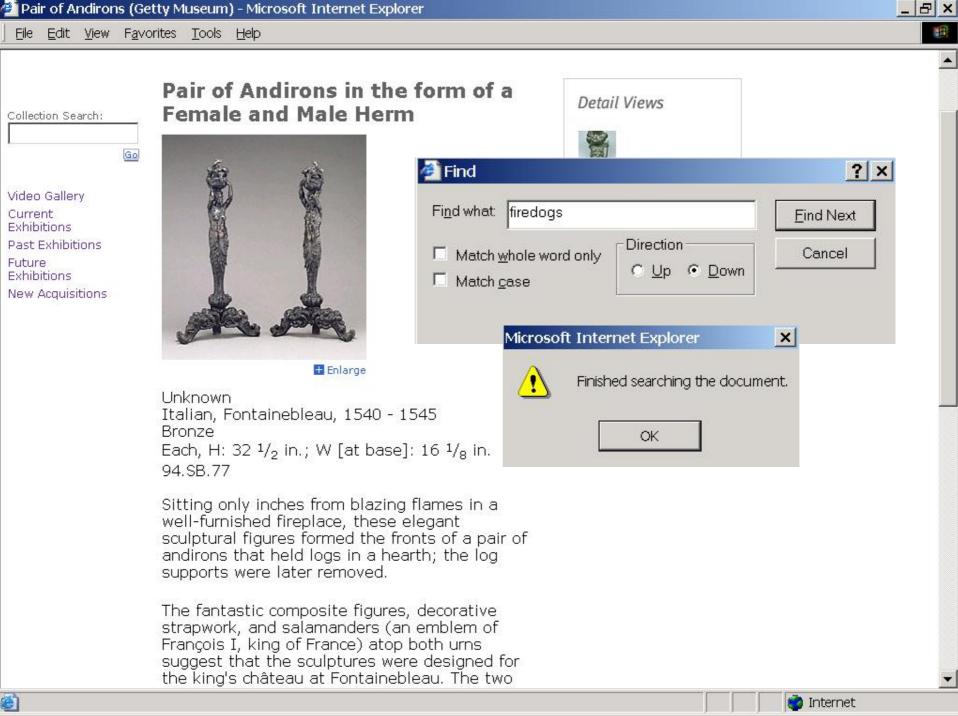




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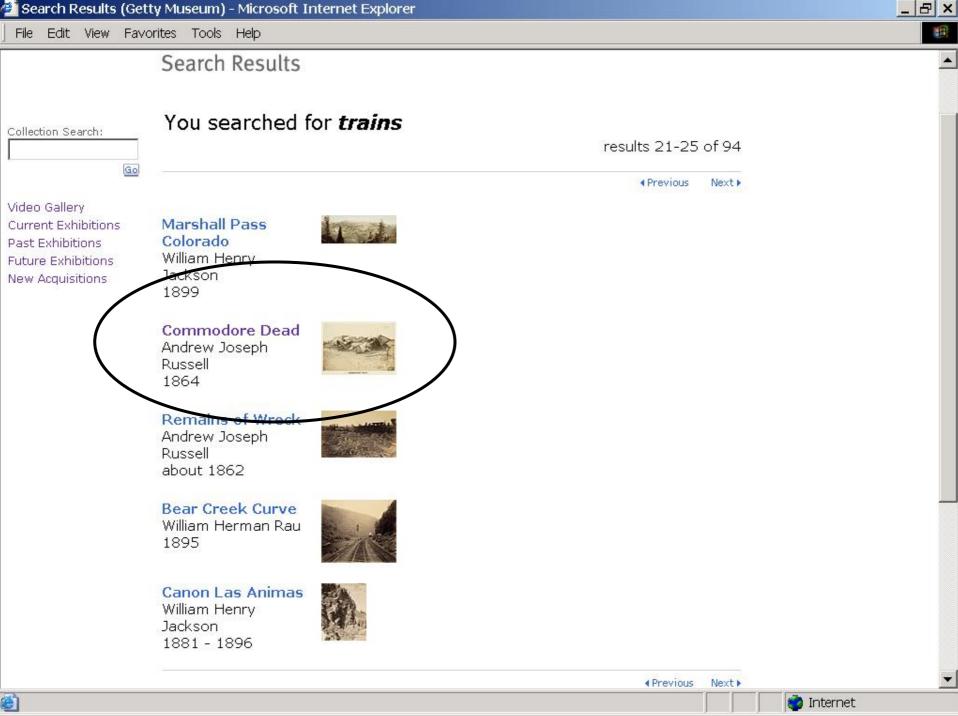
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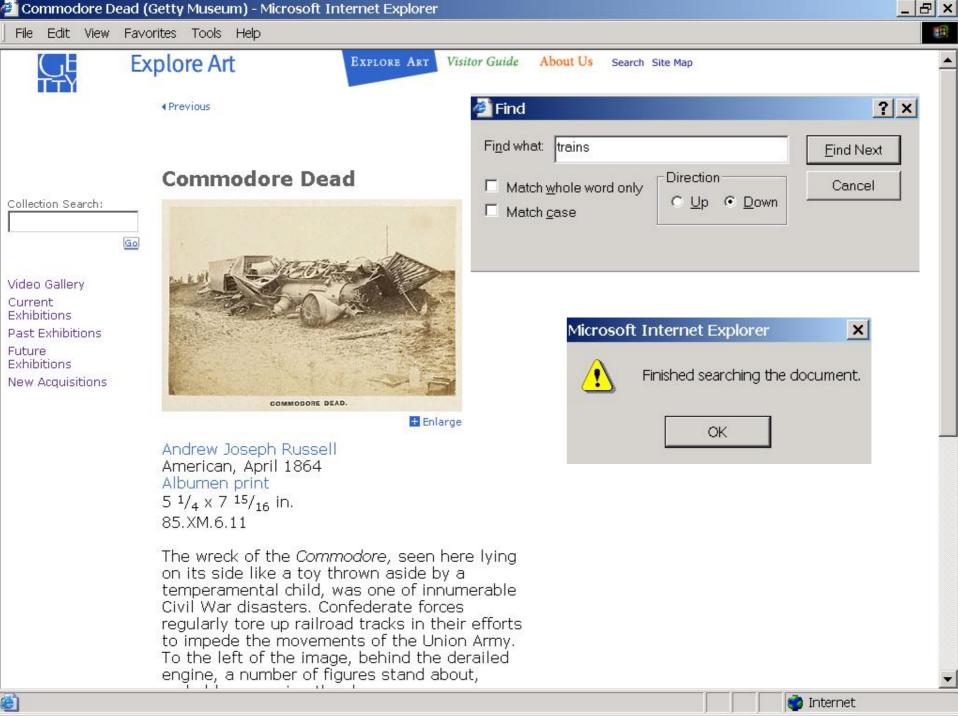
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Conclusion

Male Portrait: *Head of a Male Figure, perhaps Heracles*

Unknown

Roman, 2nd century A.D. | Asia Minor marble, large-grained with bluish veins H: 34 cm Object Place: Asia Minor

Statue of the Lansdowne Herakles



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Unknown, sculptor; after the School of Polykleitos, sculptor Roman, about A.D. 125 Marble 70.AA.109

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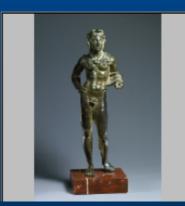
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Hercules Pendant



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Possibly by Benvenuto Cellini French, Paris, about 1540 Gold, enamel, and a baroque pearl H: $2^{3}/_{8}$ in.; W: $2^{1}/_{8}$ in. 85.SE.237



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Etruscan, 320 - 280 B.C. Bronze H: 24.3 cm Object Place: Etruria

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