Access as generator of value: museum collections in Wikipedia

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- Why open collections?
 Museums give access to collections.
 Access gives memory, joy and awe + generates value.
- What is value? Socio-cultural process to understand position of good. Technology redefines values (assets).
- (3) Why Wikipedia?
 Highly visible, sustainable, collection of knowledge, living archive.
 Common mission: provide access to all human knowledge.
- 4 Why generate future value indicators?

 Access and re-use, not income, as key impact indicator.

 From anecdotal cases to transparent, systematic evidence.



 Museums collect and preserve collections to give access to present and future generations.



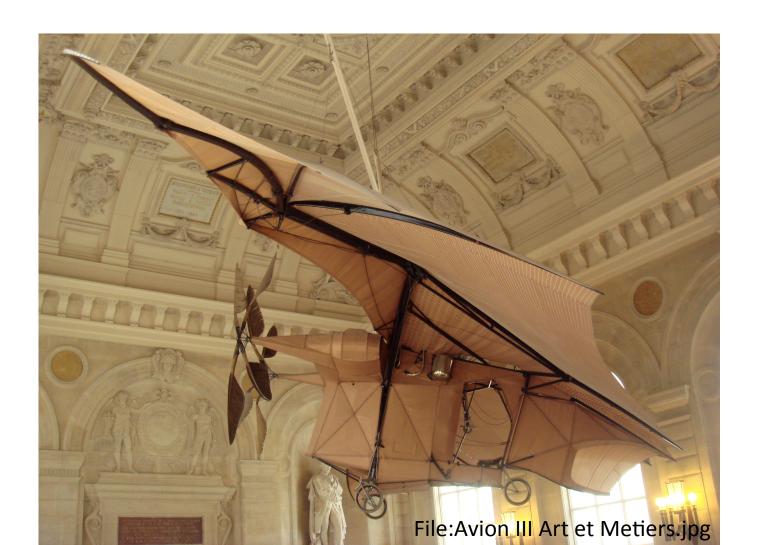


Access collections = history / joy / awe





Access collections = stimulate new discoveries





• Only ±6% of collections are accessible, due to limitations of exhibition walls, geo and time.



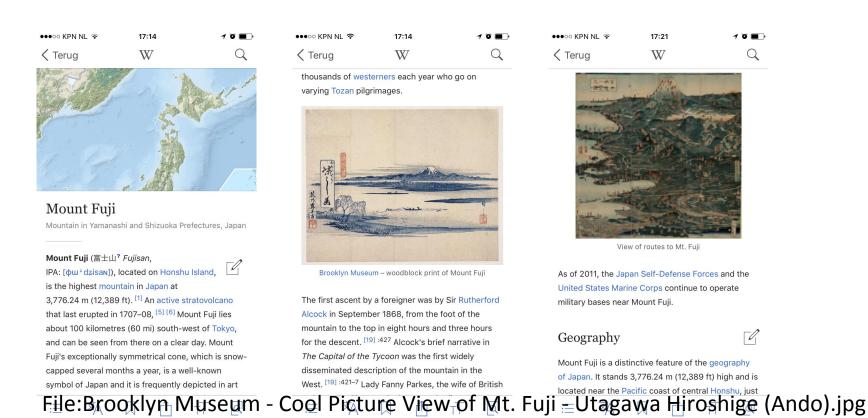


 Only I of 3 adults visit museums while nearly everybody views TV/radio and has Internet





- Digital technology can provide access beyond museum objects.
- Museums can get closer to people.



 Value is shaped by social networks and conventions, hence changes in time.



 There are several (co-existing) value scales, with non exchangeable rates.

Economic value
Moral value
Aesthetic value



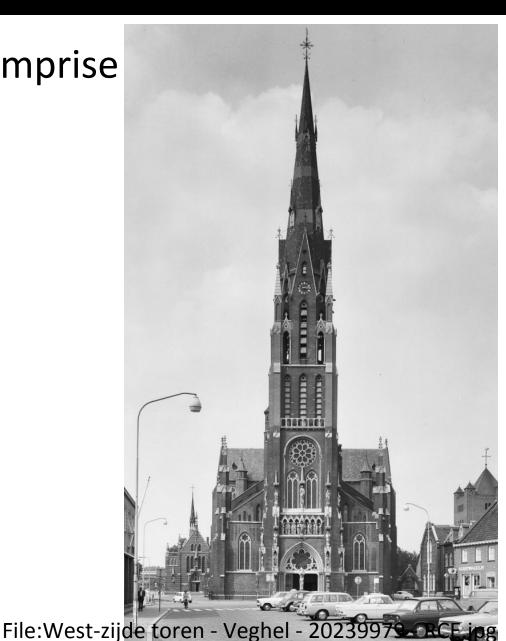


What is value?

Cultural value can comprise

Aesthetic value,
Authenticity value,
Availability value,
Heritage value,
Historic value,
Social value,
Spiritual value, and
Symbolic value.

(Frey, 1998, Throsby, 2001)





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Information is at the heart of all valuation processes.

Amolini and his Wife (detail) - WGA7695.jpg

File:Jan van Eyck - Portrait of Giovanni



 We knew that. That is why museums have libraries, archives, and information systems.





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What is value?

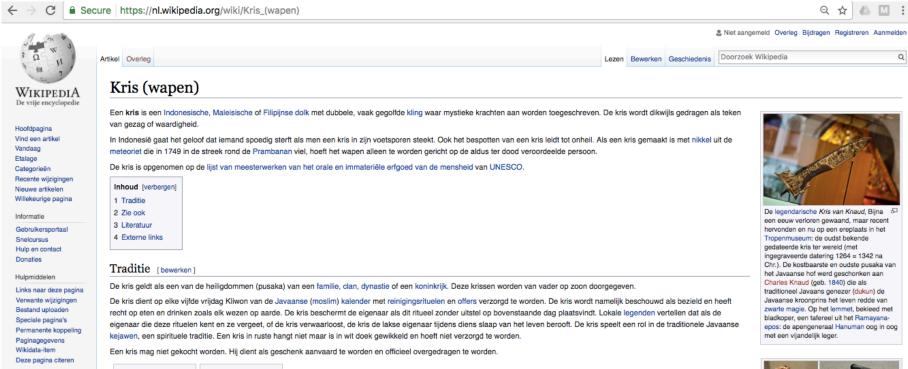
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 Digital technology can facilitate the access and (re)use of information from museums.



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15.5 billion views / mo Wikimedia.

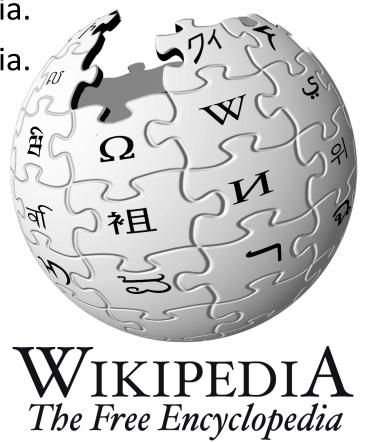
15.5 million views / mo Wikipedia.

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5.5 million articles in English.

300 languages.

- Rank 5 in Alexa.
- Older than many websites...

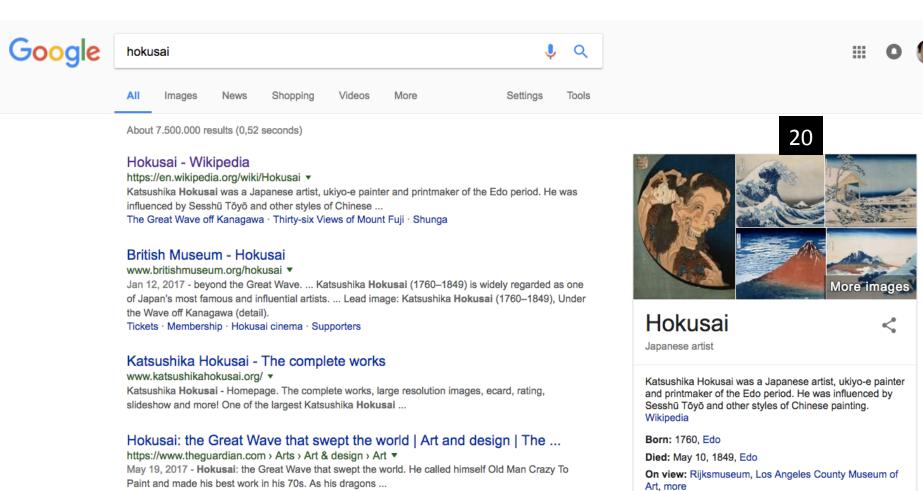




Period: Ukiyo-e

Field: Painting

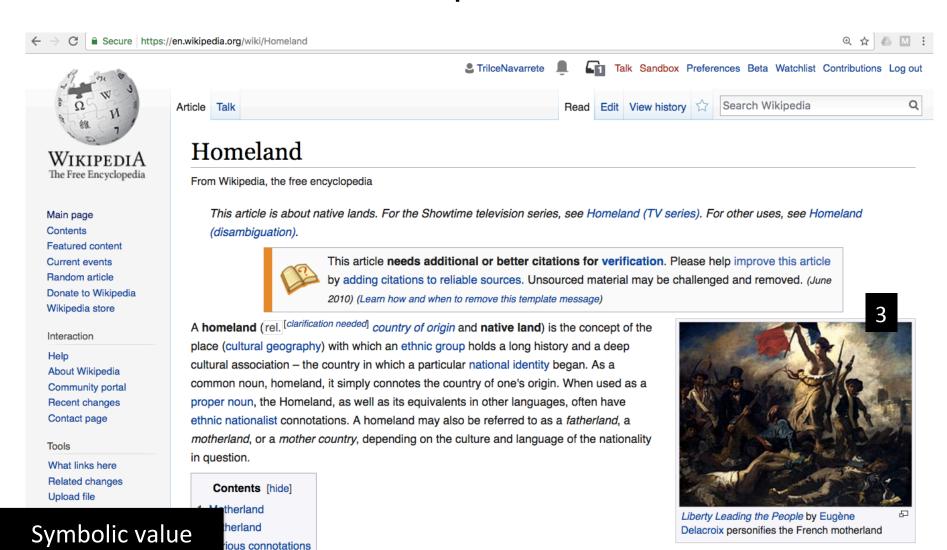
Wikipedia is the backbone of content online



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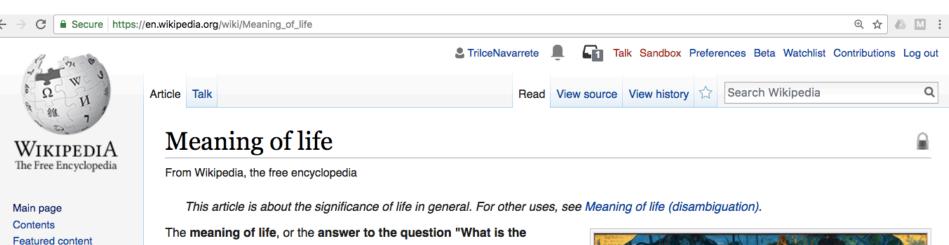


Collections can be repositioned in new contexts.





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The meaning of life, or the answer to the question "What is the meaning of life?", pertains to the significance of living or existence in general. Many other related questions include "Why are we here?", "What is life all about?", or "What is the purpose of existence?" There have been a large number of proposed answers to these questions from many different cultural and ideological backgrounds. The search for life's meaning has produced much philosophical, scientific, theological, and metaphysical speculation throughout history. Different people and cultures believe different things for the answer to this question.

The meaning of life as we perceive it is derived from philosophical and religious contemplation of, and scientific inquiries about existence, social

Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?, one of Post-Impressionist Paul Gauguin's most famous paintings

ties, consciousness, and happiness. Many other issues are also involved, such as symbolic meaning, ontology, value, purpose, ethics, good and evil, free will, the existence of one or multiple gods, conceptions of God, the soul, and the afterlife. Scientific contributions focus primarily

nd can provide recommendations for the pursuit of well-being and a related conception of morality. An alternative, humanistic poses the question. "What is the meaning of *mv* life?"

on describing related empirical facts about the universe, exploring the context and parameters concerning the "how" of life. Science also

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Why Wikipedia?

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France

Main article: French Renaissance

The word "Renaissance" is borrowed from the French language, where it means "re-birth". It was first used in the eighteenth century and was later popularized by French historian Jules Michelet (1798–1874) in his 1855 work, *Histoire de France* (History of France). [79][80]

In England, the sixteenth century marked the beginning of the English Renaissance with the work of writers William Shakespeare, Christopher Marlowe, Edmund Spenser, Sir Thomas More, Francis Bacon, Sir Philip Sidney, as well as great artists, architects (such as Inigo Jones who

introduced Italianate architecture to England), and composers such as Thomas Tallis, John Taverner, and William Byrd.

In 1495 the Italian Renaissance arrived in France, imported by King Charles VIII after his invasion of Italy. A factor that promoted the spread of secularism was the inability of the Church to offer assistance against the Black Death. Francis I imported Italian art and artists, including Leonardo da Vinci, and built ornate palaces at great expense. Writers such as François Rabelais, Pierre de Ronsard, Joachim du Bellay and Michel de Montaigne, painters such as Jean Clouet, and musicians such as Jean Mouton also borrowed from the spirit of the Renaissance.

In 1533, a fourteen-year-old Caterina de' Medici (1519–1589), born in Florence to Lorenzo II de' Medici and Madeleine de la Tour d'Auvergne, married Henry II of France, second son of King Francis I and Queen Claude. Though she became famous and infamous for her role in France's religious wars, she made a direct contribution in bringing arts, sciences and music (including the origins of ballet) to the French court from her native Florence.

"What a piece of work is a saman, how noble in reason, how infinite in faculties, in form and moving how express and admirable, in action how like an angel, in apprehension how like a god!" — from

William Shakespeare's

Hamlet.

Germany

Main article: German Renaissance

In the second half of the 15th century, the Renaissance spirit spread to Germany and the Low Countries, where the development of the printing press (ca. 1450) and early Renaissance artists such as the painters Jan van Eyck (1395–1441) and Hieronymus Bosch (1450–1516) and the composers Johannes Ockeghem (1410–1497), Jacob Obrecht (1457–1505) and Josquin des Prez (1455–1521) predated the influence from Italy. In the early Protestant areas of the country humanism became closely linked to the turmoil of the Protestant Reformation, and the art and writing of the German Renaissance frequently reflected this dispute.^[81] However, the gothic style and medieval scholastic philosophy remained exclusively until the turn of the 16th century. Emperor Maximilian I of Habsburg (ruling 1493–1519) was the first truly Renaissance monarch of the Holy Roman Empire.

Netherlands

Main articles: Renaissance in the Netherlands and Dutch and Flemish Renaissance painting

Culture in the Netherlands at the end of the 15th century was influenced by the Italian Renaissance through trade via Bruges, which made Flanders

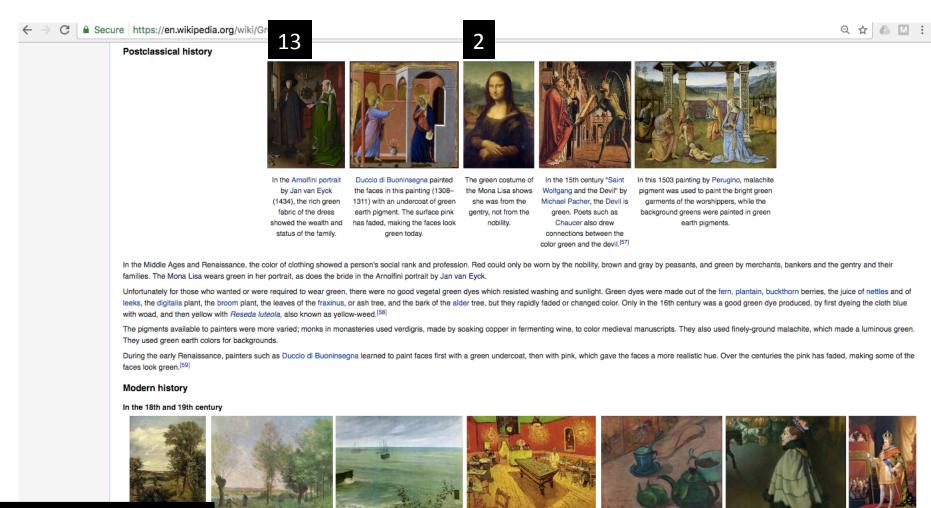
. Its nobles commissioned artists who became known across Europe. [82] In science, the anatomist Andreas Vesalius led the way; in aphy, Gerardus Mercator's map assisted explorers and navigators. In art, Dutch and Flemish Renaissance painting ranged from the strange Hieronymus Bosch[83] to the everyday life depictions of Pieter Brueghel the Elder. [82]



The Arnolfini Portrait, by Jan van Eyck, 1434

Historic value

Collections can be repositioned in new contexts.



In the paintings of Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot (1796-1875), the

Ocean" by James McNeil Whistler

"Symphony in gray and green; The

The Night Cafe, (1888), by Vincent van Gogh, used red and green to express

Émile Bernard - Still life with green teapot, cup and fruit, 1890

Louis Anguetin - Woman at the Champs-Élysées by night

Brazil wearing a



Collections can be repositioned in new contexts.

States, about half of the Senegambian Mandinka were converted to Islam while as many as a third were sold into slavery to the Americas through capture

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An estimated 12 million Africans arrived in the Americas from the 16th to the 19th centuries. [212] Of these, an estimated 645,000 were brought to what is now the United States. The usual estimate is that about 15% of slaves died during the voyage, with mortality rates considerably higher in Africa itself in the process of capturing and transporting indigenous peoples to the ships. [213]

Many Europeans who arrived in North America during the 17th and 18th centuries came under contract as indentured servants. [214] The transformation from indentured servitude to slavery was a gradual process in Virginia. The earliest legal documentation of such a shift was in 1640 where a negro, John Punch, was sentenced to lifetime slavery for attempting to run away. This case also marked the disparate treatment of Africans as held by the Virginia County Court, as two white runaways received far lesser sentences. [215] After 1640, planters started to ignore the expiration of indentured contracts and kept their servants as slaves for life. This was demonstrated by the case Johnson v. Parker, where the court ruled that John Casor, an indentured servant, be returned to Johnson who claimed that Casor belonged to him for his life. [216][217] According to the 1860 U. S. census, 393,975 individuals, representing 8% of all US families, owned 3,950,528 slaves. [218] One-third of Southern families owned slaves. [219]



Slaves on a Virginia plantation (The 10 Old Plantation, c. 1790)

The largest number of slaves were shipped to Brazil. [220] In the Spanish viceroyalty of New Granada, corresponding mainly to modern Panama, Colombia, and Venezuela, the free black population in 1789 was 420,000, whereas African slaves numbered only 20,000. Free blacks also outnumbered slaves in Brazil. By contrast, in Cuba, free blacks made up only 15% in 1827; and in the French colony of Saint-Domingue (present-day Haiti) it was a mere 5% in 1789. [221]

Author Charles Rappleye argued that:

In the West Indies in particular, but also in North and South America, slavery was the engine that drove the mercantile empires of Europe. It appeared, in the eighteenth century, as universal and immutable as human nature. [222]

Although the trans-Atlantic slave trade ended shortly after the American Revolution, slavery remained a central economic institution in the Southern states of the United States, from where slavery expanded with the westward movement of population. [223] Historian Peter Kolchin wrote, "By breaking up existing families and forcing slaves to relocate far from everyone and everything they knew" this migration "replicated (if on a reduced level) many of [the] horrors" of the Atlantic slave trade. [224]

Historian Ira Berlin called this forced migration the Second Middle Passage. Characterizing it as the "central event" in the life of a slave between the American Revolution and the



ady in litter being carried by her

Civil War, Berlin wrote that whether they were uprooted themselves or simply lived in fear that they or their families would be involuntarily moved, "the massive deportation traumatized black people, both slave and free.." [225]

By 1860, 500,000 slaves had grown to 4 million. As long as slavery expanded, it remained profitable and powerful and was unlikely to disappear. Although complete statistics are lacking, it is estimated that 1,000,000 slaves moved west from the Old South between 1790 and 1860.^[226]

Most of the slaves were moved from Maryland, Virginia, and the Carolinas. Michael Tadman, in a 1989 book *Speculators and Slaves: Masters, Traders, and Slaves in the Old South*, indicates that 60–70% of interregional migrations were the result of the sale of slaves. In 1820, a child in the Upper South had a 30% chance to be sold south by 1860.^[226]

In Puerto Rico, African slavery was finally abolished on March 22, 1873.



Mid-19th century portrait of 5

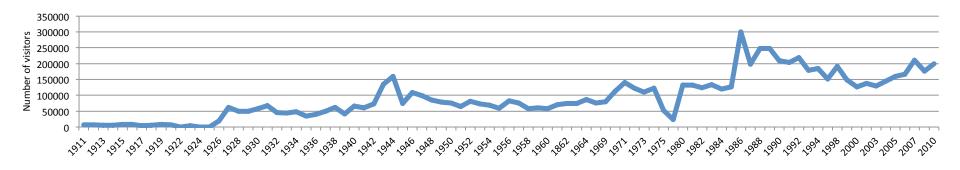
Funeral at slave plantation,
Suriname. Colored lithograph printed
circa 1840–1850, digitally restored.

Information value

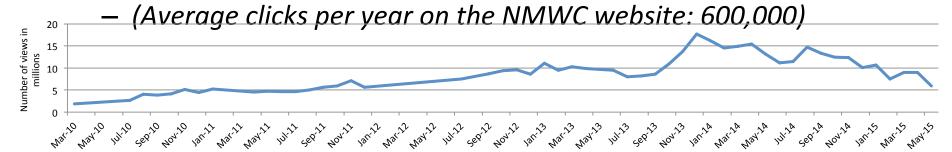
Collections can reach new audiences.

Change in accessibility: onsite (100yrs) and online (5yrs).

- Onsite peak: 300,000 visitors
- Average per year: 94,500 visitors



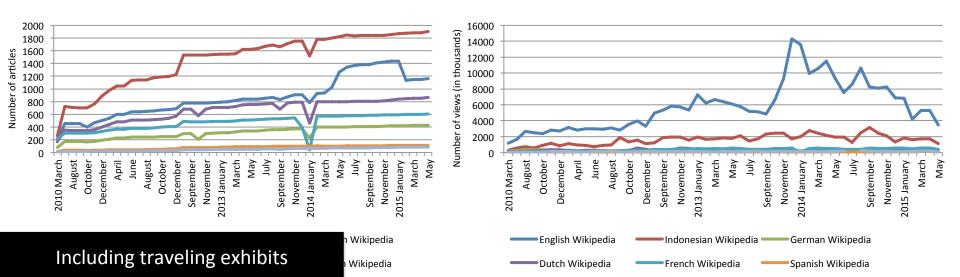
- Online Wikipedia peak: 18 million clicks
- Average per year: 1.7 million clicks



Collections can reach new audiences.

Change in object mobility: onsite exhibits and online articles.

- Onsite use of collection (100 years): 10% of objects.
- Onsite peak (frequency): 10 exhibits.
- Online use of collection (5 years): 12% objects (of 1% of collection).
- Online peak (frequency): 135 articles (May 2015).



Online is complementary of onsite.

Preference onsite for 3D and online for 2D:

Objects photographed in context (e.g. tool in use).

Onsite, object view increases with:

Time (when accounting for 3D).

Online, object view increases with:

- Time.
- Quality of article (= greater number of images).
- Diversity of images (related to quality).
- English version, followed by Indonesian and Dutch.
- Topic (geography).

Online, all objects are created equal (or not?).

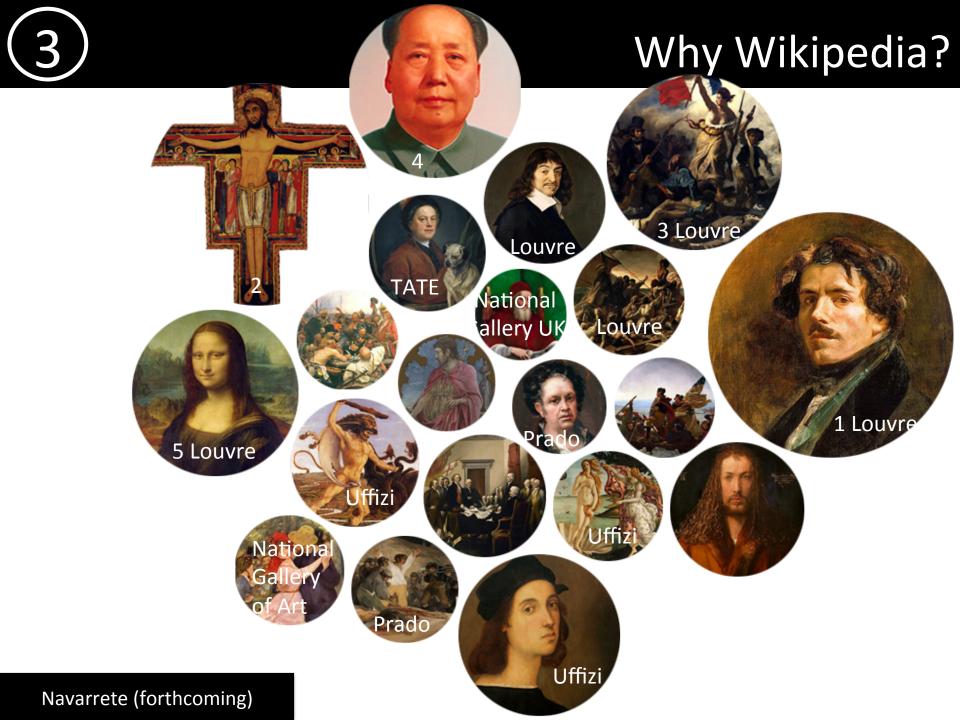
Dataset: 28,613 paintings in 160,174 Wikipedia articles (2015) Method:

- Using Wikidata (all paintings: N=117,000, with image/ date/ keyword: N=64,700)
- Wikipedia API (complement data with author/ description)
- Identify those with an article: N=28,613
- Compared to Art Newspaper most viewed museums
- Ranked by online popularity



Onsite ranking	Institution	City	Country	Onsite visitors	Online ranking
1	Musée du Louvre	Paris	France	9260000	8
2	British Museum	London	United Kingdom United	6695213	7
3	National Gallery	London	Kingdom	6416724	13
4	Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York	United States	6162147	2
5	Vatican Museum	Rome	Italy United	5891332	1
6	Tate	London	Kingdom	5785427	5
7	National Palace Museum	Taipei	Taiwan	5402325	17
8	National Gallery of Art	Washington	United States	3892459	9
9	National Museum of Korea	Seoul	South Korea	3536677	23
10	Musée d'Orsay	Paris	France	3440000	12
11	Centre Pompidou National Folk Museum of	Paris	France	3450000	14
12	Korea	Seul	South Korea	3271017	21
13	State Hermitage Museum	St. Petersburg	Russia United	3247956	15
14	Victoria and Albert Museum	London	Kingdom	3180450	6
15	Museum of Modern Art	New York	United States	3018266	4 🗲
16	Museo Reina Sofía	Madrid	Spain	2673745	18
17	Museo del Prado	Madrid	Spain United	2536844	10
18	Somerset House	London	Kingdom The	2463201	20
19	Rijksmuseum Centro Cultural Banco do	Amsterdam	Netherlands	2450000	11
20	Brasil	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	2399832	22
21	The National Art Center Tokyo	Tokyo	Japan United	2384415	19
22	National Portrait Gallery	London	Kingdom	2062502	16
23	National Gallery of Victoria	Melbourne	Australia	2035033	24
	Shanghai Museum	Shanghai	China	2000977	26
ranking	MuCEM	Marseilles	France	1996154	25
Tanking	Galleria degli Uffizi	Florence	Italy	1651210	3 ←

Onsite vs online ranking





Popularity translates and transforms online.

Availability of images online leads to reuse (not always legal).

New technology leads to change in consumer preference (favors 2D).

Preference for portraits to depict concept = iconic use of artworks. Few 3D (due to technical limitations?).

Cultural (linguistic) preference for paintings as icons.

French and Portuguese editions most likely to use artworks.

Information available to all consumers.

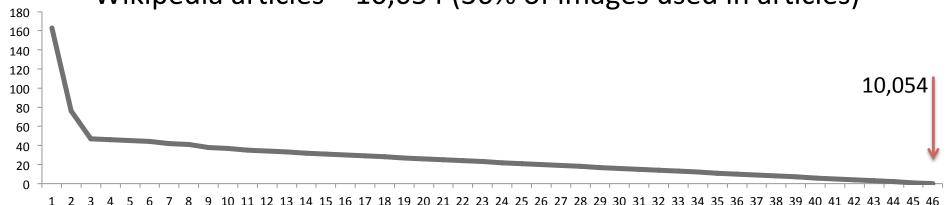
Though reduced cost of discovery may lead to greater diffusion.

Paintings' potential to illustrate articles.

Dataset: 10,054 paintings English Wikipedia articles

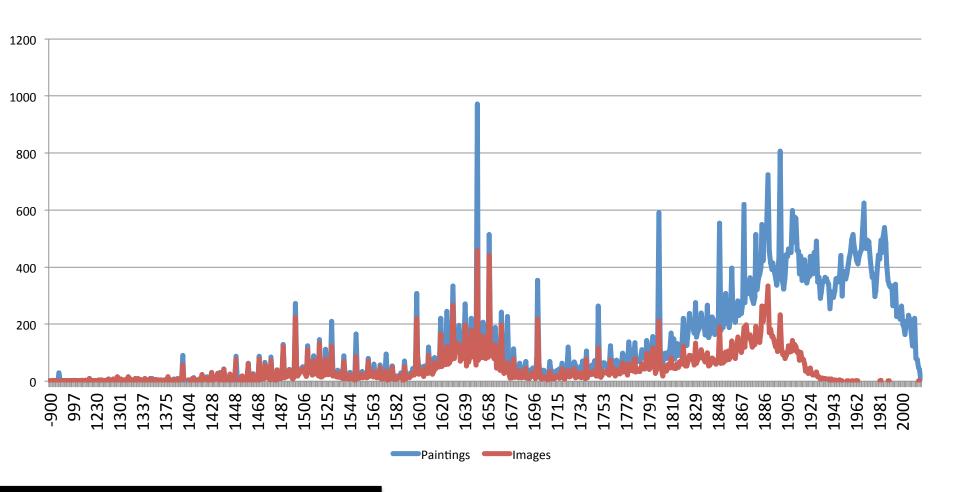
Method:

- Wikidata 'paintings' = 224,374
- With location / date / creator = 89,637 (excluding doubles)
- With image = 27,501
- Wikipedia articles = 10,054 (36% of images used in articles)

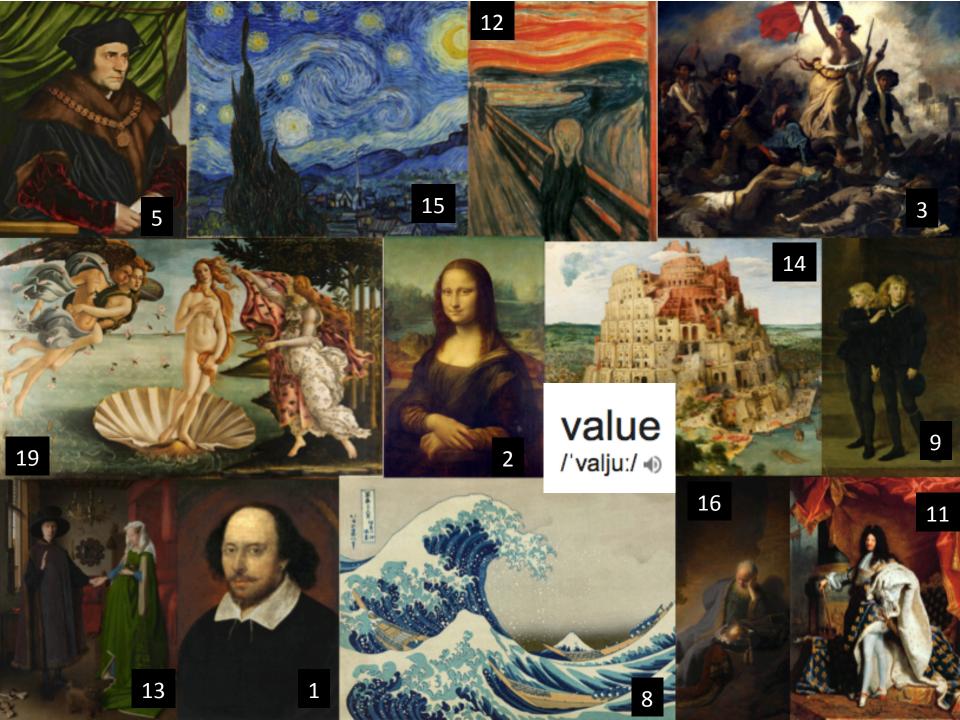




Overview of 10,055 'paintings' by year.



- Exponential increase in views,
- New uses, new preferences, new discovery,
- Popular content source = accessible to all,
- Living archive = community of trust,
- Synergy = museums + collections + users,
- Harmonized reports.



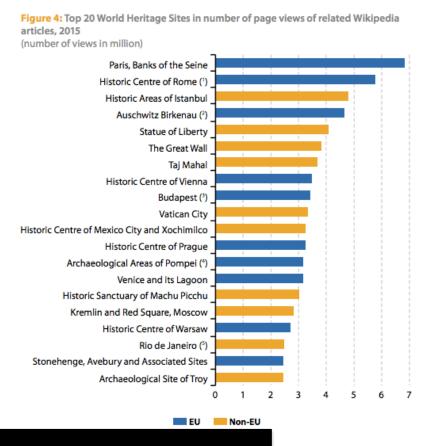


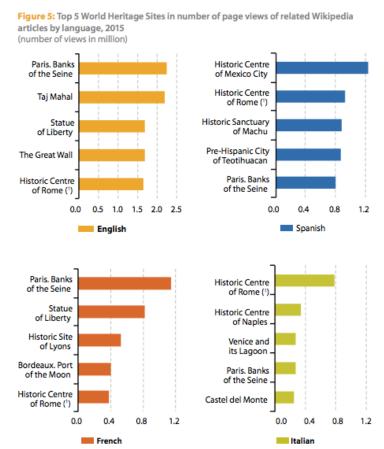
• Limited resources require decisions on what to collect, preserve and make accessible, and how.





 Eurostat has developed experimental statistics to reflect digital dimension.







 Tracking page of heritage object is starting point to understand further re-use.



William Turner's Historia Avium ("History of Birds"), published at Cologne in 1544, was an early ornithological work from England. He noted the commonness of kites in Enalish cities where they snatched food out of the hands of children. He included folk beliefs such as those of anglers. Anglers believed that the osprey emptied their fishponds and would kill them, mixing the flesh of the osprey into their fish bait. Turner's work reflected the violent times that he lived in and stands in contrast to later works such as Gilbert White's The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne that were written in a tranquil era. [23][29]

In the 17th century Francis Willughby (1635-1672) and John Ray (1627-1705) came up with the first major system of bird classification that was based on function and morphology rather than on form or behaviour. Willughby's Ornithologiae libri tres (1676) completed by John Ray is sometimes considered to mark the beginning of scientific ornithology, Ray also worked on Ornithologia which was published posthumously in 1713 as Synopsis methodica avium et piscium. [30] The earliest list of British birds, Pinax Rerum Naturalium Britannicarum was written by Christopher Merrett in 1667, but authors such as John Ray considered it of little value. [31] Ray did however, value the expertise of the naturalist Sir Thomas Browne (1605-82) who, not only answered his queries on ornithological identification and nomenclature, but also those of Willoughby and Merrett in letter correspondence. Browne himself in his lifetime kept an eagle, owl, cormorant, bittern and ostrich, penned a tract on falconry, and introduced the words incubation and oviparous into the English language. [32][33]

Towards the late 18th century, Mathurin Jacques Brisson (1723-1806) and Comte de Buffon (1707-1788) began new works on birds. Brisson produced a six-volume work Ornithologie in 1760 and Buffon's included nine volumes (volumes 16-24) on birds Histoire naturelle des oiseaux (1770-1785) in his work on science Histoire naturelle générale et particulière (1749-1804), Coenraad Jacob Temminck (1778-1858) sponsored François Le Vaillant [1753-1824] to collect bird specimens in Africa and this resulted in Le Vaillant's six-volume Histoire naturelle des oiseaux d'Afrique (1796-1808). Louis Jean Pierre Vieillot (1748-1831) spent ten years studying North American birds and wrote the Histoire naturelle des oiseaux de l'Amerique septentrionale (1807-1808?). Vieillot pioneered in the use of life-histories and habits in classification. [34] Alexander Wilson composed a nine-volume work, American Ornithology, published 1808-14—the first such record of North American birds, significantly predating Audubon. In the early 19th century, Lewis and Clark studied and identified many birds in the western United States. John James Audubon, born in 1785, observed and painted birds in France and later in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. From 1827 to 1838, Audubon published The Birds of America, which was engraved by Robert Havell, Sr. and his son Robert Havell, Jr.. Containing 435 engravings, it is often regarded as the greatest ornithological work in

Scientific studies [edit]

The emergence of ornithology as a scientific discipline began in the 18th century when Mark Catesby published his two-volume Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands, a landmark work which included 220 hand-painted engravings and was the basis for many of the species Carl Linnaeus described in the 1758 Systema Naturae, Linnaeus' work revolutionised bird taxonomy by assigning every species a binomial name, categorising them into different genera. However,

it was not until the Victorian era—with the concept of natural history, and the collection of natural objects such as bird eggs and skins—that ornithology emerged as a specialised science. [35][36] This specialization led to the formation in Britain of the British Ornithologists' Union in 1858. In 1859 the members founded its journal The Ibis. The sudden spurt in ornithology was also due in part to colonialism. A hundred years later, in 1959, R. E. Moreau noted that ornithology in this period was preoccupied with the geographical distributions of various species of birds. [37]

No doubt the preoccupation with widely extended geographical ornithology, was fostered by the immensity of the areas over which British rule or influence stretched during the 19th century and for some time afterwards.

- Moreau^[38]

The bird collectors of the Victorian era observed the variations in bird forms and habits across geographic regions, noting



Aldrovandi's Ornithology,



Antonio Valli da Todi, who wrote on aviculture in 1601, knew the connections between territory and



Pump, Joseph Wright of Derby, 1768

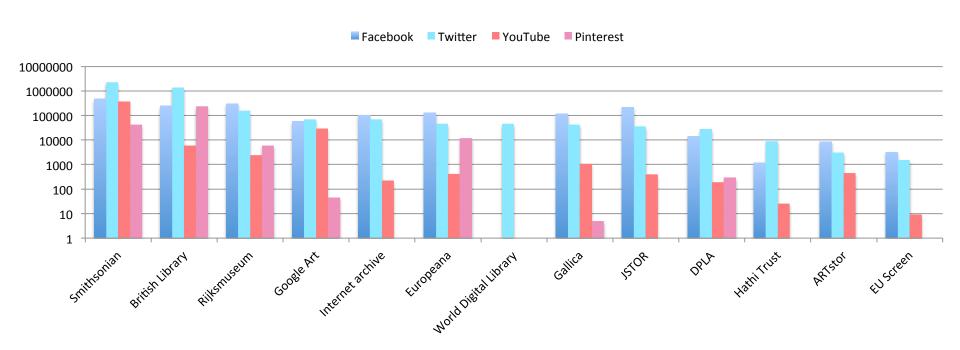
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- Social media appears to be the place to be.
- Platforms are private entities with no mandate to disclose statistics (including Google).





 Tracking social media visibility complements access to and use of content.





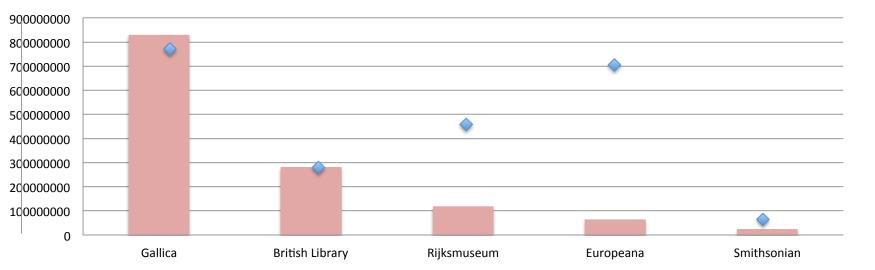
Nighthawks by Edward Hopper 1942.jpg

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- Museums welcome comparable open metrics.
- Can we use common resources to safeguard common heritage? We need common metrics.

Visibility of collections in Wikipedia (2015)



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Take home

- 1 Museums = Memory, Joy and Awe for all!
- 2 Access generates value (social process)

(3) Trust is key = common future vision

4 Create relevant value metric (evidence based)

Thank you

Lets create meaningful value metrics for our work



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