

GALLERY HUNT—The Year Of The Snake

The Chinese zodiac calendar is organized around a 12-year cycle. Each year is represented by a different animal with its own character traits. The year 2013 is the "Year of the Snake!" People born in this year are thought to be patient and to think carefully about their choices.

Visit the VMFA galleries to see if you can find snakes in art from all over the world!



Pre-Columbian Art and Native American Art Galleries, Level 2

This snake once decorated an ancient Mexican or Aztec temple. *What is this snake made of?* _____



Ancient Art Galleries, Level 2

In this scroll, snakes represent danger. *How many snakes can you count in this Egyptian scroll made from papyrus?* _____



African Art Galleries, Level 2

Serpents are important symbols in the art and myths of the Djenné region of Mali. They are featured in stories about the founding and safety of villages and the protection of warriors. *What does a snake symbolize to you?* _____



Art Deco Galleries, Level 3

These snakes were made to decorate the front of a fireplace. Snakes sometimes have special colors or markings that help us identify them. Look closely at these snakes. *What kind do you think they are?* _____

Walk through the VMFA galleries to find more Chinese zodiac animals: rabbit, rooster, monkey, rat, horse, ox, tiger, sheep, dog, pig and dragon.