



Level 2



Level 3

## Finding the Objects at the Museum

Objects 1–4 are on Level 2. Objects 5–8 are on Level 3.

### INSIDE IMAGES

1 Charles Caryl Coleman, **Quince Blossoms**, 1878

2 Artist unknown, **Narcissus Flowers**, Qing dynasty

3 Jean-Baptiste Blin de Fontenay, **Buffet under a Trellis**, early 18th century

4 Jan Van Os, **Still Life**, 18th century

5 Claude Monet, **Field of Poppies**, Giverny, 1885

6 Claude Monet, **Camille at the Window**, Argenteuil, 1873

7 Tiffany Glass & Decorating Company, **Magnolia and Apple Blossom Window**, 20th century

8 **Lokanatha**, mid-11th century Indian, South-Central Bengal (present-day Bangladesh)

### Cover & Inside

**Camille at the Window** (detail), 1873, Claude Monet (French, 1840–1926), oil on canvas, 23¾ inches high, Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon

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Answers  
1. five; 2. narcissus; 3. your answer; 4. spring and summer; 5. your answer; 6. your answer; 7. magnolia and apple blossom; 8. lotus

### WORD SEARCH

Each artwork you found had a different kind of flower in it. Did you find each of these flowers? Look for them in the word search. Enjoy!

#### Flowers

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| 1. Quince | 3. Chrysanthemum | 4. Carnation | 7. Magnolia   |
| 2. Orchid | Violet           | 5. Poppy     | Apple Blossom |
| Narcissus | Hyacinth         | 6. Fuchsia   | 8. Lotus      |
|           | Jasmine          | Begonia      |               |
|           | Rose             | Geranium     |               |

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Plant seeds of creativity on this floral adventure! You'll discover depictions of flowers in the VMFA collection by locating the works described below and answering each question. At the end of the gallery hunt, sketch your own floral arrangement and complete the word search.


The adventure begins in the **American Galleries** on Level 2.

**1**




Find the decorative still-life painting that contains objects from around the world. It features quince blossoms, the white flowers in an Italian earthenware vase. Quince blossoms always have the same number of petals. How many petals are on each bloom? \_\_\_\_\_

**2**




Proceed to the **East Asian Galleries**, also on Level 2. Find the flower commonly known as daffodil. Its other name belongs to the Greek mythological hunter who fell in love with his own reflection. What is this flower's other name? \_\_\_\_\_

**3**




In the **English Silver Galleries**, off of Tapestry Hall, a bountiful painting includes apples, grapes, chrysanthemums, and roses. If you were throwing a party suited for royalty, what fruit would you serve and what flowers would you use to decorate? \_\_\_\_\_

**4**




Go to the **European Galleries**. This Dutch painter combined fruits and flowers of different seasons. The pomegranates seen here usually ripen in autumn. Carnations, however, bloom in the season of renewal and the warmer season that follows. Name these seasons. \_\_\_\_\_

**5**




In the **French Galleries** on Level 3, you'll find a painting with poppies in its foreground. The artist, Claude Monet, usually worked *en plein air*, or outdoors. Place yourself in this Impressionist landscape. What do you see, hear, and smell? \_\_\_\_\_

**6**




In another Claude Monet work, just a few steps away, you can meet the artist's wife. The couple loved flowers and grew fuchsias, begonias, geraniums, and other plants around their home. What flowers and plants do you grow at home? \_\_\_\_\_

**7**




Now visit the **Art Nouveau Galleries**. There you'll discover works that light up a room. Look for the window covered with tree branches. What are the two types of blooms you see here? \_\_\_\_\_

**8**



Journey to the **South Asian Galleries**. Look for the majestic deity known for his compassion. He is seated on a special flower. An auspicious, or lucky, symbol originating in ancient India, this flower represents purity and enlightenment. Name the flower. \_\_\_\_\_



Now that you have seen a variety of flowers depicted in art, you are ready for the next step!

Use your imagination to complete the drawing to the left. Sketch flowers of your own and don't forget to fill in the background, too. Looking for more ideas? Stroll through the museum to find inspiration in other works of art.