



Provisional Docent Research Paper and Spotlight Presentation

Goal: To create a research paper and give a 15 minute "Spotlight" presentation of an artwork at the Palm Springs Art Museum's main site in the Lecture Hall. The paper *should be approximately 1,500 words (5 pages) in length* and include the following information:

- **Artist's Background Information**
 - Name, nationality, year of birth, place of birth, and year of death, if applicable
 - Education / training, experience, etc.
 - Timeline of artwork produced
 - Influences
 - Art Movement
 - Medium
 - Technique and Methodology
 - **Artist's Impact on the art world**
- **Your analysis of the artwork at PSAM**
- **Compare and contrast the artwork's relationship to other works in the Museum's collection**
- **How to tour this artwork - suggestions, questions to ask about it, etc.**
- **Is this owned by the Museum (purchased or gifted), on loan, or as a promised gift?**
- **List all sources (Bibliography)** that you used in completing your research
- **Include a photo** of the artwork
- **Include 1-2 photos of other artworks by the same artist**
- Review draft of your Spotlight Research Paper with your Mentor
- Submit finished Spotlight Research Paper to Maureen Boren
- Make a copy of your Spotlight Research Paper and file it in the Docent Study Center (DSC)

After your Spotlight Presentation to the Docents in the PSAM Lecture Hall, you will stand in front of your selected artwork and give a 10 minute "mini-tour" of your artwork to all other Docents. Practice VTS "Visual Thinking / Questioning Strategies" during this time.