Learn More!

Contemporary Photography

This list of web resources will allow you and your students to learn more about the history of photography and issues that contemporary artists explore through the medium. These websites provide some general background information that might help deepen your experience in the galleries.

http://www.moma.org/learn/moma_learning/themes/photography
The Museum of Modern Art website provides a brief description of the history of photography. There are links to thematic essays on different aspects of photography such as style and subject matter on the side bar of this page.

http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hi/te_index.asp?s=all&t=all&d=photographs
This link connects to the Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History, an online resource created by the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Department of Photographs provides a number of essays on the history of photography as well as the connection between art and photography. Scroll down the page to explore different aspects of photography, both past and present.

http://www.icp.org/research-center
The International Center of Photography (ICP) is the world’s leading institution dedicated to the practice and understanding of photography and the reproduced image in all of its forms. The museum’s research center offers links to explore the collection, listen to lectures, and look through the archives. You can search by a specific time period or by a specific artist.

http://www.pbs.org/art21/
Art21 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging and educating audiences about contemporary visual art. Information about some of the artists featured in the Shadowplay exhibition can be found on this site.

This link provides a timeline for the medium of photography as it has developed and changed over the years.