

## Web-based Art Interactive Tool<sup>®</sup> Overview and Fact Sheet

### Brief Overview:

The Web-based Art Interactive Tool (WAIT) is a unique instrument that allows users to examine and interpret works of art found in the Art Museum of Western Virginia's permanent collection. WAIT is entirely web-based, and it not only serves as a tutorial for users so that they can learn how to interpret works of art, it also allows users to publish their interpretations on-line.

### WAIT Factoids:

- WAIT is entirely web-based. There is no need to download any software to access or to work with the tool.
- WAIT is for the general public as well as for secondary and college level students and instructors.
- WAIT allows users to directly interact with paintings found in the Art Museum of Western Virginia's permanent collection.
- WAIT is part of Web 2.0 as it is an interactive instrument that allows users to contribute to content on the Web and not just "sit and get."
- WAIT uses the REED-LO<sup>®</sup> scaffolding interpretive model that in essence walks users through the interpretive process by having users answer a series of guiding questions.
- WAIT ties core content areas to works of art, thus allowing users to experience a truly interdisciplinary learning experience.
- WAIT allows users to publish their interpretations of works of art online. Visitors to these interpretive websites can read these interpretations by clicking on different interpretive stages and areas of the paintings which in turn reveal what the interpreter wrote.
- WAIT develops knowledge about the fine arts, develops writing skills, and develops the user's ability to better communicate their understanding of art through writing.
- WAIT allows for multiple interpretations of art and through expert essays, and in the case of students, an ability to access other students' interpretations, it allows users to truly engage in a dialog about works of art.
- Teachers and instructors are able to set up classes and assign specific works of art to their students.
- WAIT allows instructors to grade students' works as it provides instructors with a rubric.
- WAIT is a research-based tool that adheres to findings related to pedagogically sound uses of technology.

### Contact Information:

WAIT can currently be found at: <http://waitstage.visionpointsystems.com>. If you have any questions about WAIT, or if you would like to share feedback about your experiences with WAIT, please contact:

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