Finding marginalized artists
in the public domain

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What's the problem?

I found myself taking advantage of open access image collections but soon realized there are a lot of white dudes in the public domain!

https://bit.ly/2yTWLI8
What’s the deal with the public domain?

Consider works or artists that are currently in the public domain.

What time period are they from?

Who was given the most access to education, money, prestige at that time? (same as the present day...)

(L-R) Georges Seurat, Pierre Auguste-Renior, Claude Monet, all images via Wikimedia Commons
Understanding the public domain

★ Published? 95 years after publication date (1923 or earlier)

★ Unpublished? Life of author plus 70 years (1948 or earlier)

★ Many artworks are technically unpublished (unless they are)

★ Many institutions have already done the work for you via CC0
  - Metropolitan Museum of Art
  - National Gallery of Art
  - Cleveland Museum of Art
  - Art Institute of Chicago etc. etc. etc.
How can we find and use more artists in the Public Domain?

Crowdsourse with me!

Public Domain Resources

★ The Hirtle Chart - [https://copyright.cornell.edu/publicdomain](https://copyright.cornell.edu/publicdomain)

★ Peter Hirtle, “Where, Oh Where, Is the Public Domain?” - [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/copyright/copytalk](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/copyright/copytalk)

Resources for finding artists

★ Canadian Women Artists History Initiative - https://cwahi.concordia.ca/sources/artists/browse.php

★ Umbra Search - https://www.umbrasearch.org/

★ AWARE (Archives of Women Artists, Research and Exhibitions) - https://awarewomenartists.com/en/artistes_femmes/

★ CLARA Database of Women Artists (RIP) - https://bit.ly/2TRcaQ

★ A Space of Their Own - Coming soon (?)
https://hyperallergic.com/468225/a-space-of-their-own-advancing-women-artists/
Thank you!

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