USEFUL RESEARCH RESOURCES

For valuation and attribution of works of art, contact a reputable auction house, such as Christies, Sothebys, Bonhams or Phillips.

To find libraries which hold art magazines, look at the ARLIS Periodicals Database.

Information on non-British artists. Your local public library should be able to help with general art enquiries. To find your nearest library, visit UK Public Libraries Page. For more in-depth enquiries, you could try a specialist art library such as the National Art Library, Birmingham Central Library, Edinburgh Central Library, Manchester Central Library, or Westminster Reference Library.

Help with genealogical research. A number of organisations can provide help with family history research, including the The National Archives (formerly the Public Record Office), The Society of Genealogists, UK Family History Online, and Genuki: UK & Ireland Genealogy.

Prints and posters. For works in the Royal Academy’s permanent collections, try our Picture library. For other images, you can try the Witt Photographic Library (British paintings) or the Conway Photographic Library (sculpture), both at the Courtauld Institute of Art. Images are also available from commercial print dealers, such as The Medici Galleries.