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2. To search for information on an artist, use the box in the top right corner of the page. Or, to find a signature or monogram, use the option to Search for images only in the center of the page.

3. You may also conduct an Advanced Search (linked in the center of the page) to limit your search further.

4. Once your search has returned results, you can narrow these by using the Display or Refine options on the left. Click Thumbnails Off to remove previews of artist signatures.

5. Select the title of an entry to view. From this page, you may navigate by Article contents or Search within this article.

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