



Review the following Web sites for art forms related to the Gilded Age. Then, choose one of the art forms and/or corresponding venue and conduct your own online research. Write a short description (one paragraph) of your chosen art form. You will be using this information to create a fine or performing arts piece appropriate for one of the rooms in a Gilded Age Mansion.

- **America in the 1890s**
<http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/acs/1890s/america.html>
 - **Introduction to Cultural Expression in the Gilded Age**
<http://bss.sfsu.edu/cherny/cultlexp/default.htm>
 - **The Victorian Web: An Overview**
<http://www.victorianweb.org>
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I. Dance:

- Quadrille
- Cotillion
- Waltz

Sources:

<http://www.centralhome.com/ballroomcountry/history.htm>

- The history of ballroom dancing with photos and instruction including diagrams of waltz steps

<http://dmoz.org/Arts/Performing Arts/Dance/Ballroom/>

- Information on all ballroom dances and instruction

II. Music:

- Musicale
- Recital
- Opera
- Operetta
- Quartets

Sources:

<http://bss.sfsu.edu/cherny/cultlexp/music.htm>

- An overview of music during the Gilded Age

<http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/acs/1890s/ragmusic/music.html>

- *Popular music in the 1890s*

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/smhtml/smimg.html>

- Library of Congress site with sheet music, samples, piano music and more

III. Theatre

- Broadway
- Operetta
- English Plays

Sources:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vshtml/vsimage.html>

Fashion:

Ladies
Gentlemen
Children

Sources:

<http://www.mcny.org/Collections/costume/worth/worth.htm>

- Charles Worth, a fashion designer whose career flourished in during the Gilded Age; numerous, beautiful images of women's dresses

<http://www.victorianweb.org/art/costume/costumeov.html>

- Fashion during the Victorian

Literature:

http://www.pbs.org/marktwain/scrapbook/o5_gilded_age/page3.html.

- Site about the writer, Mark Twain, and his importance during the Gilded Age

<http://www.gonzaga.edu/faculty/cambell/en121/james.htm>

- Site about the writer Henry James, author of several novels set during the Gilded Age

<http://www.nsp.si.edu/exh/wharton/whar3.htm>.

- Site about the writer, Edith Wharton author of several novels set during the Gilded Age

Visual Arts:

Portraits of the women and men of high society were very popular during the Gilded Age. Artists include:

John Singer Sargent

- <http://www.jsgallery.org>

Paul Helleu

- http://www.jssgallery.org/Other_Artists/Paul_Helleu/Paul_Cesar_Helleu.htm

William Merritt Chase

- <http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/chase/>

An online exhibit with a variety of artists' works from the Gilded Age:

<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva/gildedagepress.html>