



2026/27 AP Art History: Summer Engagement

"Creativity takes courage."- Henri Matisse

Expectations

Visit the exhibition *Matisse's [Femme au chapeau: A Modern Scandal at the SF MoMA](#)*.

Find the "Scandal" aka "Woman with a Hat"

This painting caused controversy because Matisse ignored traditional rules about realistic color and representation. Critics mocked the artists in the exhibition, labeling them "Fauves" ("wild beasts").

Answer the following:

- 1) List five colors you see in the painting that do not appear natural.
- 2) What emotions do these colors create?
- 3) Where do you notice the loosest brushstrokes?
- 4) How does Matisse use color instead of realistic shading?
- 5) If you had seen this painting in 1905, would you have thought it was beautiful, confusing, exciting, or ridiculous? Explain.

As you move through the exhibition:

- Find **two** other artworks in the museum. These can be works included in the exhibit or located elsewhere in the museum (any floor).

For each artwork, note:

- 1) Artist; Year; Similarity to Matisse; Difference from Matisse
- 2) Which work would shock viewers the most in 2026? Why?

Be ready to turn in your analysis on the first day of class. Please include high-quality images of the artworks you selected for analysis. ([Images can be accessed on JSTOR](#) on the SFMoMA website.)