THE DOCENT PROJECT
GREEK & ROMAN STATUES, PAINTINGS, AND JEWELRY
RETURN TRIP TO THE MET
OBSERVATIONS

The following is to be filled out by the docent as she stands in front of the work of art she has thus far researched (only) from a distance, presented upon, and discussed thoroughly with her students.

Before you get started, once again, what is the name of your work of art, as listed on the printout in this folder from the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Web site, www.metmuseum.org?

e.g. “Terracotta statuette of a draped woman”
or “Bronze armorer working on a helmet”

To begin, what are the first few things you notice about your work of art as it sits in front of you? Is it bigger than you expected? Smaller? About the same size? More colorful? Less colorful? Magical? Disappointing, even? Whatever your initial observations are, please use descriptive language here.

Nota Bene: It is possible that your work of art is either not on display, or inaccessible for some other reason. If that is the case, please choose a similar work of art in the same gallery and record your initial observations here, and then answer the rest of the questions on the second side about that same new work of art.

NB: The form continues on the other side...
Next, take a long look at the art in front of you. Stare at it. Glance back at the image on the printout. Stare at that. Notice differences between the picture and the real thing. If it has been placed near something interesting to see or read, stare at that, too. Mindfully consider everything about it, everything your mind can wrap its head around.

When you’re ready, please write down those second, deeper observations here.

Finally, what does your partner see? Ask her (or them, if you are in a group of three) to stare at your work of art, too, and then ask her about her own observations of it. Listen thoughtfully. When she is done, please write down her observations here.

You have now completed your work on the Docent Project, as well as all of your Latin classes before Winter Break. Grātulātiōnēs!

Please hand this form in to the instructor.