

## VISUAL RESOURCES COLLECTION

The new **Visual Resources Collection (VRC)** web site includes an expanded set of tools for collecting, curating, and sharing digital objects for individual and classroom use. Imagine a single repository that allows you not only the ability to customize and share your VRC experience, but also the opportunity to browse public groups and discover new perspectives on the objects that are important to your teaching and research. With the new VRC you can:

### Find images for teaching

Thousands of images are available for Yale teaching in the VRC. Locate them through a keyword search, or explore image groups created and shared by the Yale community—what we call “browse.” You can even bookmark groups that are particularly useful, by clicking “add to favorites” on the main browse page.

### Save images to a personal collection

After logging onto the VRC website with your NetID and password, you can copy images from “search” or “browse” into your personal “workspace.” Images placed in the workspace can then be saved in the “my groups” area of the site.

### Curate saved digital objects into groups

Once you have saved a number of objects into a group, you can customize their display sequence to serve your specific goals. You can also provide a description for the group, which will be helpful to viewers if you decide to share it.

### Add digital objects from outside the VRC to your groups

On the “Edit Group” page of one of your groups, simply click “add object.” From there you can upload a file from your computer, or copy and paste the URL (web address) for an image or object on the Web.

### Annotate the objects you’ve collected

This new addition to the VRC enables you to provide useful pedagogical context to the objects in your group. The annotation field can be found by clicking the name of any object in your groups.

### Share your groups with others at Yale

If you’d like to share a group with the entire community, set its permissions to “shared” and it will be published on the “browse” page, accessible to anyone on the Yale network. More selective sharing can be done through the “share as link” option: your group will not appear on the “browse” page, but you will be provided a link (URL) that you can distribute by email or include in a Classes\*v2 course site.

One of the real benefits of this new tool set is that you can create groups that contain any type of digital resource, not only images. Your group might contain VRC images, personal images you’ve uploaded, PDFs or Word documents, and even links to audio files or external web sites. From a single location, viewers of your shared group can access a variety of resources relevant to the group’s topic, presented within a rich learning context.

<http://images.library.yale.edu/metagallery/>

For assistance using the new VRC web site, please contact [vrc@yale.edu](mailto:vrc@yale.edu)