The Metropolitan Museum of Art was originally founded in 1870 in a charter that called for a "museum and library of art."* Today, the Museum includes the main building on Fifth Avenue, as well as The Cloisters, which displays art from Medieval Europe. The Met Breuer, which highlighted modern and contemporary art, was open from 2016-2020.

For a brief overview of the history of The Met, begin your research on the Museum’s website:
http://www.metmuseum.org/about-the-met

Press releases, news and announcements dating from 1991 to the present can be found here:
http://www.metmuseum.org/press

http:/ /libmma.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15324coll10/id/197410

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The Met: 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028

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Rorimer, James J., and Katherine Serrell Rorimer. 1972. *Medieval monuments at the Cloisters as they were and as they are*.

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**The Met Breuer**

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Whitney Museum of American Art
Met Breuer: Formerly at 945 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10021

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