

**TITLE:** Strapless: John Singer Sargent and the Fall of Madame X

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**GENRES:** Non-fiction, Paris art scene turn of the 19th century

**POSSIBLE THEMES AND CORRESPONDING OBJECTS:**

“Sargent, Scandal and the French Salon”

1. Portrait of Sarah Allen, nee Sargent (Sargent’s great-great-great aunt) (1729-1792) by John Singleton Copley
2. Portrait of Mlle. Lange as Danae, 1799 by Anne-Louis Girodet de Roucy-Trioson
3. The Grand Salon from the Hotel Gaillard de La Bouexiere, Paris
4. Bust of Diana, 19th Century by Jean Alexandre Joseph Falguiere
5. Temptation, 1880 by William Adolphe Bouguereau
6. Luxembourg Gardens at Twilight, 1879 by John Singer Sargent
7. Crucifixion, cast c. 1899 by John Singer Sargent
8. The Birthday Party, 1887 by John Singer Sargent

**NOTES:** I have given this tour about 6 times to a variety of groups and they have all found this book fascinating even though it is non-fiction.

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