

# Visual Imagination and the Narrative Image. The Art Historian's Approach

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Jacopo del Sellaio, Cupid and Psyche, ~1473, Cambridge, Fitzwilliam Museum



Domenichino, Diana and her Nymphs, 1616-17, Rome, Galleria Borghese



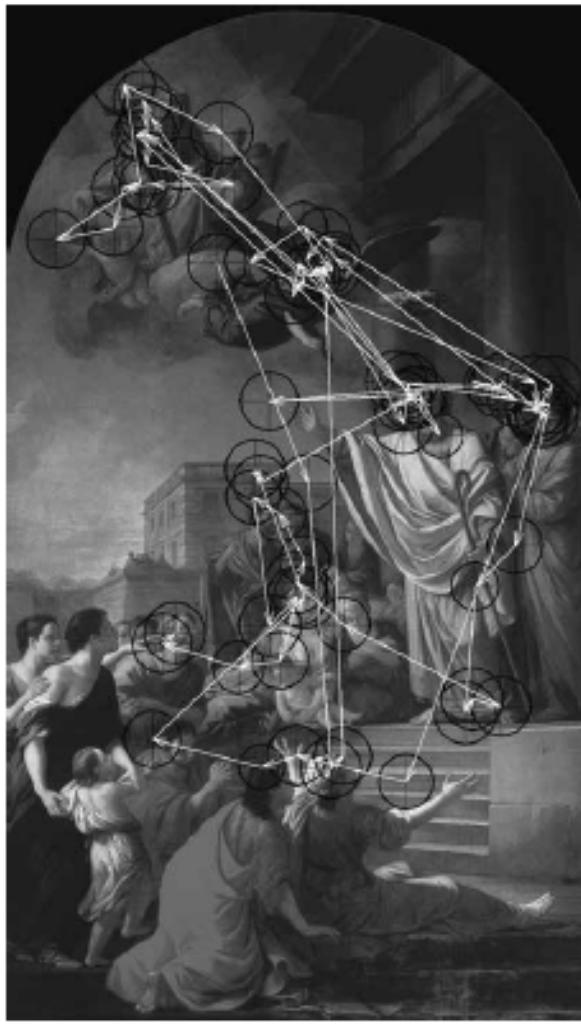
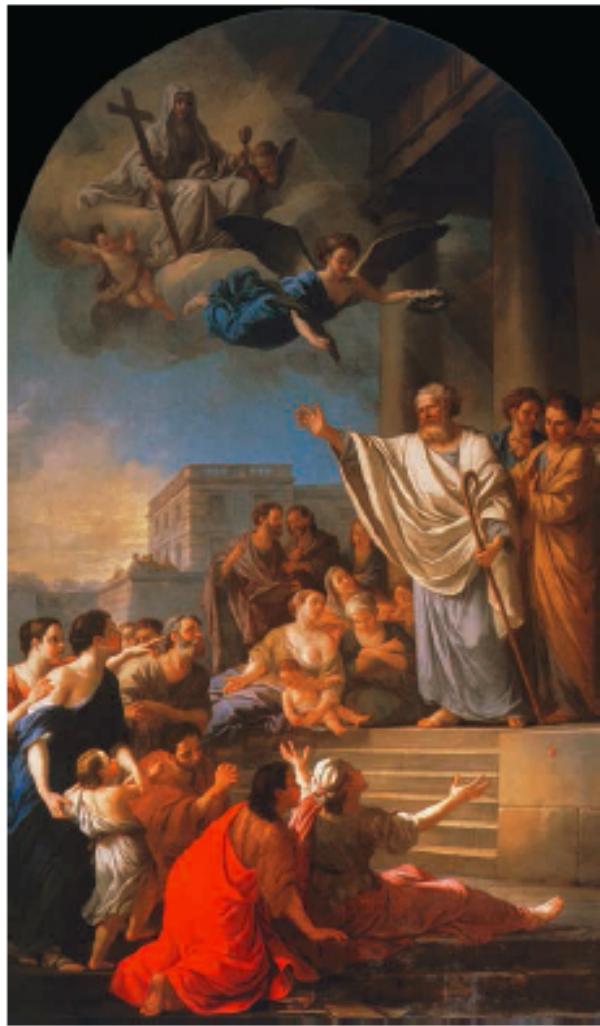
Nicolas Poussin, The Israelites Gathering Manna in the Desert, 1639, Paris Louvre



Raphael, Stanza della Segnatura, 1509-1511, Vatican

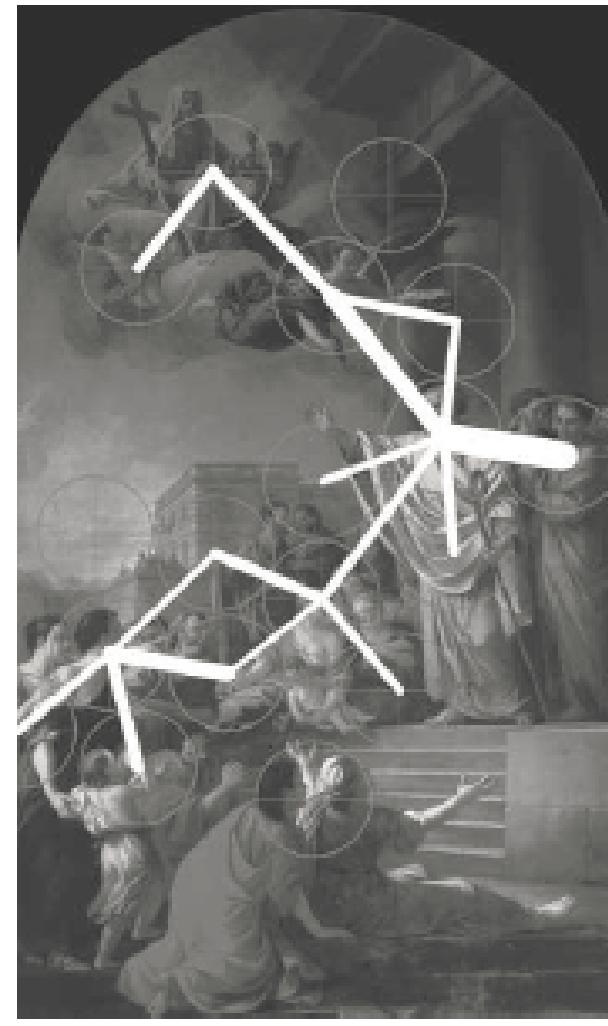
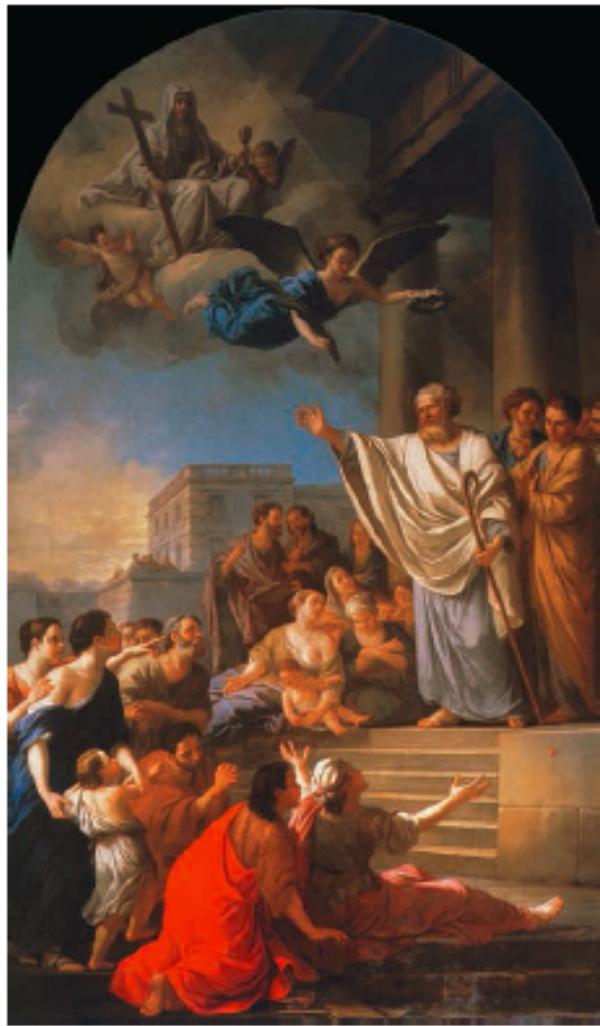


Peter Paul Rubens, Maria de' Medici cycle, 1623-25, Paris, Louvre



Joseph-Marie Vien, St Denis Preaching in Gaul, 1767, Paris, Saint-Roch  
Fixations and saccades of a beholder

Heat map of fixations while looking at the painting (Rosenberg-Klein, 2015)



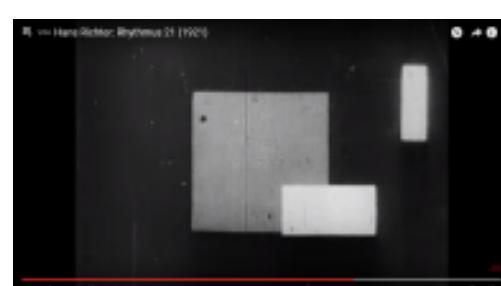
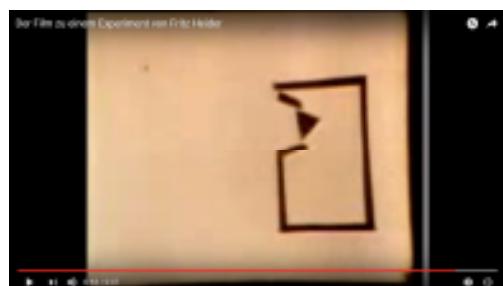
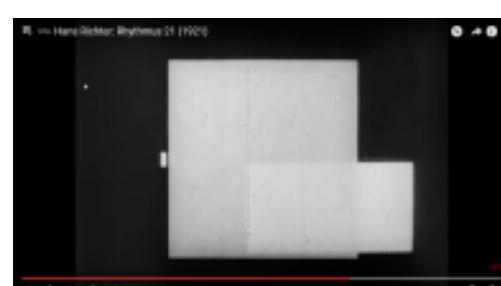
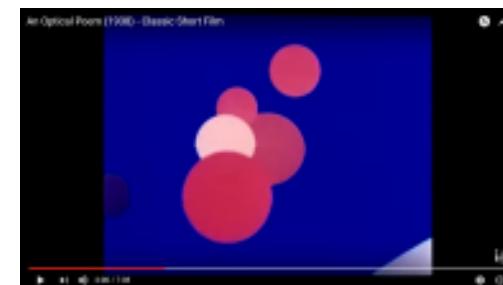
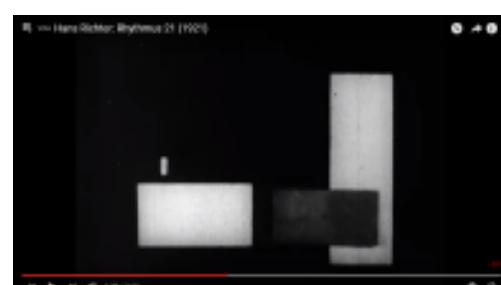
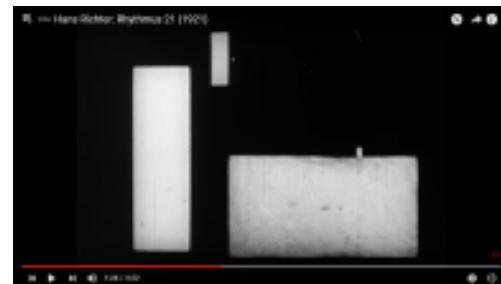
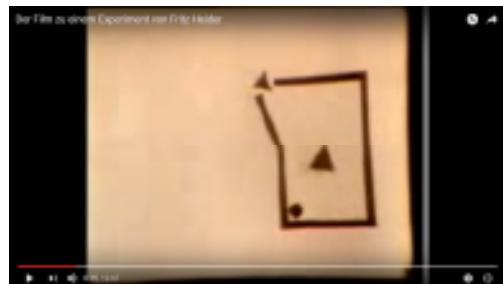
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Saccadic movements, 10% of 40 viewers  
Frequent saccadic transitions (Rosenberg-Klein, 2015)



Matthew Chambers, Up Down Sequence, Gloucestershire Campden Gallery



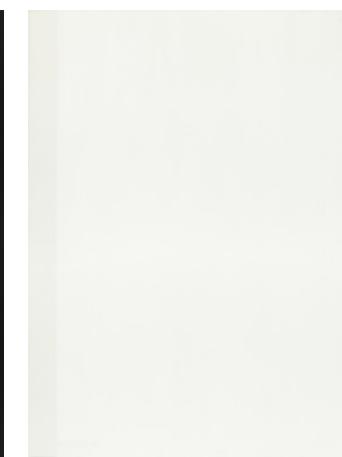
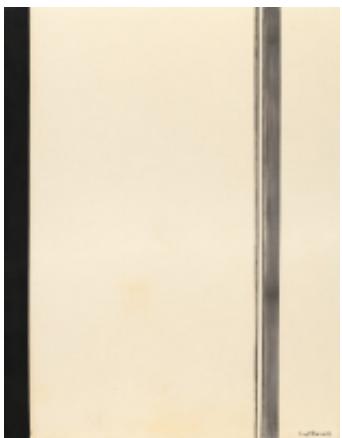
Ilona Keserü, Event IV-VII, 1975, Kolozsváry Collection



Heider – Simmel, 1944 / Hans Richter, 1921 / Oskar Fischinger, 1938



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Barnett Newman  
Stations of the  
Cross I-XIV  
1958-1966  
Washington  
NGA

Even when we look at nature, our imagination constructs the  
picture  
(Delacroix, 1859)

Thank you!

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