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Activity: Creating a Museum Exhibit

Ask students if they have ever visited a museum. If so, ask them what they saw and experienced. Brainstorm reasons museums collect and exhibit photographs, documents, maps, videos and artifacts.

Show students photos of different museum exhibits. What objects, photographs, videos, labels, or other materials are in each exhibit? What similarities and differences do they see between exhibits? What story is each exhibit telling?

Lead students in making their own mini museum exhibits, either in a hard copy or a virtual exhibit.

Students will:

- Create an interesting title for their exhibit.
- Choose photographs, documents, objects, maps, to enhance the content of the exhibit.
- Create captions for the items above.
- Create text to tell the story of the historic figure they have been assigned. Text and other resources should reflect ONLY factual, historically correct information.
- Arrange the materials and text to tell the story chronologically.
- Compose a worksheet for students to help them interpret the exhibit.
- Present the exhibit to the class.

Museum Exhibit Examples



Brooklyn Museum: Heritage Panels

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Connecticut State Museum of Natural History