

Let Your Motto Be Resistance: African American Portraits

Family Activity - Make a Museum Exhibition

Learning Objectives

After this activity, the learner will be able to explain what a museum exhibition is and to draw a picture of his/her own exhibition.

Advance Organizer

A museum exhibition is a special display of objects. Objects are items that people made or used such as letters, clothing, toys, art or furniture. Other objects are found in nature such as gems, feathers, insects, plants or fossils.

Objects are selected for an exhibition because they tell us something important. They might show us how people lived in the past or how something works.

Museum objects are often very old. There may be reproductions or models because some original objects are too fragile to be displayed.

In an exhibition, information is presented in different ways. Diagrams may explain what year something happened or quotes will show what people said during the time the objects were used. Some exhibitions include activities that help us learn about the objects.

The next time you visit a museum, look for objects, information, diagrams, quotes, reproductions and special activities just for you.

Activity

Find an object in your home. What information will you include? Will you use a quote from someone who used the object? Will you include a diagram of how your object is used? Draw a picture of your exhibition.

When you are finished, share your exhibition with someone.

