

Let Your Motto Be Resistance: African American Portraits

Family Activity - Hats Off to Museum Careers!

Learning Objectives

After this activity, the learner will be able to choose which museum worker, does what job to create an exhibition.

Advance Organizer

It takes a team of museum workers to create an exhibition. Each worker has a different job.

The **collections manager** makes sure that objects are stored correctly and are well taken care of, while a **curator** studies the objects and writes a story about them. A **conservator** might use special tools and methods if an object needs repair. The **exhibition designer** decides the best way to display the objects. And an **educator** creates activities for visitors to better understand the exhibition.

Activity

In the story below, choose a museum worker to do each job and complete the story.

A museum wanted to create an exhibition about hats worn by famous African Americans. The _____ studied hats worn by **Henry Highland Garnet, W. E. B. Du Bois and Lorraine Hansberry** and wrote information about the people who wore them.

The _____ located all three of the hats in the storage area. Two hats were in perfect condition. But one hat was missing a ribbon and would need special care, so the _____ was called to replace the ribbon.

When the hats were ready for display, the _____ created an artistic setting in the museum and hung information panels. After the exhibition opened, the _____ conducted a school program. School children took a tour of the exhibition and they each made a paper hat!