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People visit museums to learn by exploring and looking at real things.

Have you visited a museum before today?

What type of museum?

What did you see?

What did you learn?

draw a picture of something you saw!

After your visit to the Peabody Museum, talk about something new that you learned.

Breaking News!

A group of students visiting the Peabody Museum today received high praise from the museum staff.

“I have never seen a group of students that knew how to visit a museum so well,” said Director Jeff Quilter.

Who are these students? You! That’s because you are following this list of the best ways to visit a museum:

• Use indoor voices
• Walk at all times—no running
• No food, drink, or candy in the galleries
• No touching, climbing on, or leaning on exhibits and cases
• Students and chaperones stay together in their group
• Respect each other and the other visitors in the museum
• If you have a camera, keep the flash off so the light does not damage the items on display
• Use this guide for fun activities, great stories, and lots of exploration!

THANK YOU!

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Cabinets and cases safely store and display these objects for everyone to see.
Getting From Here to There

How do you travel to school every day? People use many types of vehicles (and their feet!) to travel from one place to another.

As you visit the galleries in the museum, look around for things used by people to travel from one place to another. They might be full-size or small models. See if you can find at least one boat, one snowshoe, and one horse.

Talk about why people make and use so many different types of vehicles.

Most of the galleries in the Museum have toys and games on display. Look around, and see how many toys and games you can find.

What vehicle in the museum do you like best? Draw it!

When you find a toy, talk about what it is made from and what skills the toy might help a child learn.
Container Clue

Look carefully at these four containers. They are made from different materials and by different people. But they all carried the same thing. Can you guess what they carried?

Here’s a clue: each of these containers carried something that every person needs to survive.

If you guessed water, you are right!

What have you used to drink water from today?

Why is water so important to survival?

Clockwise from left: stirrup vessel in the form of a monkey, Moche, ca. 700; ostrich egg vessel, Botswana, ca. 1958; decorated Leather Canteen, Sioux, ca. 1875; coconut water vessels, Samoa, late 19th century.

Houses and Homes

People live in many types of houses made from many materials.

Search throughout the Hall of the North American Indian on the first floor to find 8 models of houses used by people in the past.

Look carefully at the house models. See if you can find:

People   Animals
Boats     Plants
Food      Tools

Here are some things to talk about when you find each house or group of houses:

What materials were used to make the houses?

Would the houses be easy to move or would they need to stay in one place?

Do the houses help keep the people who live in them warm or cool? How?

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□ Seminole
□ Navajo
□ Hupa
□ Nez Perce
□ Inuit
□ Aleut
□ Kwakiutl

Bonus! Explore the house models on the third floor [1] and the fourth floor [10].

Diarama, Nez Perce in the Hall of the North American Indian.
Today, you are learning about people around the world.

Many, many stories are told throughout the world, from one generation to the next, about how the earth, the world, came to be.

In one important story, from the peoples of the Iroquois Nations in North America, the earth came to be through the help of two animals: the muskrat and the sea turtle.

Sky Woman slips through a hole in Sky World. To keep herself from falling, she grabs hold of a few roots and seeds from a tree in Sky World.

But, she still falls towards the great water below. Birds try to slow her fall. They bring her gently to rest on the back of a large sea turtle. Afraid, she asks the water animals for help.

Muskrat dives deep into the water and, after much time and effort, returns with some dirt in her paw.

The muskrat places the dirt on the back of the turtle, and land begins to grow into the whole world. Then Sky Woman plants the roots and seeds she had brought from Sky World and living plants begin to grow as well.

**[Virtual] Travel**

Want to learn more about archaeology and people around the world? Ask an adult to help you visit these websites!


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Want to share what you have learned and seen at the Peabody Museum with your friends and family?

The museum is open free to Massachusetts residents Sundays 9 am–2 noon and Wednesdays 3–5 pm (September–May)

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