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Peabody Reflection

Overall, I found the Peabody project to be extremely rewarding. It was a unique and fun idea that I have never really done as part of a class. After much research and writing, seeing our work go on an actual museum webpage was a worthwhile finish. There are countless numbers of different types of ships throughout history and in the modern day that are all used for a myriad of different purposes—warships, merchant ships, travel liners, etc. However, one thing that all ships have in common however is the basic elements of ship construction. Depending on the type of vessel, time period, and region of origin, these elements will likely vary and be unique in nature; however, they all fall under the umbrella of fundamental ship construction. Ship anatomy allows us to study different ships and relate them to other types of vessels around the world and from different era, usually while finding similarities along the way. Additionally we can see that function and purpose of a ship usually go hand in hand and we can draw conclusions from simply looking at the keel, rudder, mast, and sails amongst many other things. I found applying my knowledge of ship construction to a real life model to be very insightful and beneficial to my understanding of maritime archaeology as a whole. It certainly took my classroom experience to a practical and applicable level which overall enhanced my understanding of ships overall.