



PEABODY MUSEUM
of ARCHAEOLOGY & ETHNOLOGY

Peabody Museum Mysteries Kit Ages 5-12

The Peabody Museum Mysteries Kit is a briefcase-sized box with artifacts to touch and talk about, all linked to the North American Indian exhibits. The kit is for use during a self-guiding trip to the museum. It was created for groups of elementary and middle school youth.



The kit comes with a set of activity cards that an adult reads aloud to the group. The playful prompts on the cards help kids observe details, think creatively, or get up and moving to search for treasures on display. Request the free kit when making your group reservation. It may be picked up and returned to the Peabody Admission Desk on the day of your visit.

Large groups (up to 60) should break into smaller groups of no more than 10 and divide the cards and objects up equally. Leaders may swap cards and artifacts so groups get a chance with a few different activities. Students sit in small groups on the carpeted floor of the Hall of the North American Indian, stand up to search for objects, and return to their spots for the next activity.

While the cards are designed for non-teachers to use and require no expertise, **all** adult chaperones need to be comfortable telling kids to share artifacts, to be gentle with them, to walk in the gallery, and to keep their voices down. If this is unlikely given the makeup of your group, please consider downloading and printing [gallery guides](#) during your visit instead.

The artifacts are from the northeast, subarctic and southeast regions of North America.

Artifacts

1. Quills from an eastern porcupine
2. A necklace made with porcupine quills
3. A hand tool for working hide made from a clam shell with a bone handle
4. A wooden design paddle for use with clay
5. Stone arrowheads
6. Birch bark
7. A working pump drill

Remember to request the kit at the time of reservation to be sure it is ready for you.