

GRADE 9 - Pre-AP World History and Geography
Historic Site/Museum Visit and Reflection Paper



All over our region are monuments, markers, acknowledgements, historic sites, museums, and so many other landmarks that attest to our history. Your task this summer is to visit a museum and examine an artifact (an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest) created before 1450 C.E.

TASK: Visit a museum in Massachusetts, another state, or internationally! Here are some links to explore if you need help finding a site:

[Worcester Art Museum](#)

[Museum of Fine Arts Boston](#)

[Peabody Essex Museum](#)

[Harvard Art Museums](#)

If you are having difficulty finding a site, email me at sgoyette@nda-worc.org from your school email. Introduce yourself, tell me what area you live in or are visiting, and I will be happy to help!

WRITE: Create a Google DOC to write a reflection. It should include:

- Your name, the name of the historic site or museum you visited, and the date you went.
- The **reason why you chose the particular site** that you went to visit. Be sure to include who you went with and an overview of the activities and exhibits you observed. Make sure to also include a summary description of the site and its purpose within the community.
- **Overall Reaction Summary:** This should be a concise summary of your general reaction to the Museum/Historical Site visit. It should focus on what you have learned and your reactions to this information. What did you already know? What new information did you learn that you took away from your visit?

- **Artifact:** A picture and description of your artifact. Where was it from? Why was it created? What was its purpose? This may require some additional research after you visit the museum. Remember, your artifact should be from before 1450 C.E.
- **Impact:** Comment on the overall impact the trip has had on you and your thinking. List any questions you feel are left unanswered. Comment on the overall value of the museum experience and recommend it as a place to visit for other students (or not).
- **Photo:** A photo of yourself either standing in front of a relevant exhibit at the site/museum or a picture of you with a docent from the museum.

- This reflection paper is **due on the first day of class**. You should write it in your school Google drive, and be prepared to upload it to our Google Classroom site once in class.
- Over the first few classes you will be asked to share your experience. You are not expected to read your response aloud but rather to summarize the ideas you wrote about in your own words focusing on the overall experience.