

Soon you will be taking a field trip to HistoryMiami Museum. A museum is a place where a collection of objects is kept and displayed in exhibits.

Think about objects that you have in your room at home or in your backpack and list your favorites here:

Where do these objects come from? How was each one made? What are they used for? If you showed these objects to a new friend, what would they learn about you?

Which museums have you visited in the past?

What did you see there? What objects do you remember best and why?

There are many different types of museums.

Match the words on the left with the correct item(s) on the right.

Type of museum

What will I learn about?

Zoo

flowers and plants

Botanical garden

paintings and sculpture

Science museum

prehistoric tools

Art museum

gravity and mass

History museum

stars and planets

Planetarium

lions and elephants

What is a Museum?

List 3 things you know about the history of South Florida.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

A historical museum is a place where objects from the past are collected, cared for and exhibited so that you can explore and learn from them. At HistoryMiami Museum you can investigate objects from 10,000 years of South Florida and Caribbean history.

At the museum, keep in mind these four important words:
artifact, document, replica, and fossil.

- An **ARTIFACT** is anything made or used by humans. A canoe made by a Seminole crafter is an artifact.
- A **DOCUMENT** is something that is written or printed. A photograph is a document and even your report card is a document.
- A **REPLICA** is an exact copy of something. Sometimes people who work in a museum use a replica when the original artifact is too fragile for visitors to touch or hold.
- **FOSSILS** are the remains of an organism from a past geological age that have turned to stone. Examples include bones and leaf imprints.

Look around your classroom.

What is real?

What is a replica?

Label these Document or Artifact







