You’re the tale-spinner!
You’ve always felt that life is in the details, the personalities, the events; without them, everything seems so much more boring. What matters most is the story. When you walk into the National Museum of American History, it’s like walking into a book!

Find Yourself in American History

1. Find the objects and people chosen to fit your personality.
2. Use the images and quotes to help your search.
3. Start on the 1st floor and move up through the Museum.

What is this spike? Why are all these people celebrating?

What other artifact from the museum belongs on this list? Design your own tour stop here!

Title __________________________________________________________

Ask a question __________________________________________________

_A little more info __________________________________________________
Where did (and does) America learn to cook?

“Every woman should have a blowtorch.”

Who am I? How did I use a blowtorch, and other tools, to change America? Find out in...FOOD on 1 East

Star-Spangled Banner born in a brewery!

“The flag being so very large, mother was obliged to obtain permission from the proprietors of Claggetts brewery which was in our neighborhood, to spread it out in their malt house; and I remember seeing my mother down on the floor, placing the stars.”

Who am I—and who is my mother? Find out in...THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER on 2 Center

A Change is Gonna Come

“A: From my own point of view, before going to college, we had talked about doing sit-in-type things...What led us, I guess, in acting that particular night was that we met, we talked, and we discussed the need to do something...”

Q: What were your feelings as you sat there in the store?
A: Intense sense of pride, a bit of trepidation.”

Who am I? Why was sitting down the bravest thing I could do?
Find me and my friends in...THE LANDMARK OBJECT on 2 East

World War II: Hollywood goes to war!

...A lot of water’s gone across the dam
Since we put make-up on for Uncle Sam
To treat you as our fathers treated you then
We were drafted by our president
And we march with banners unfurled
We were drilled and trained to represent
The greatest army in the world
Yes the greatest army of actors in the world!
—Irving Berlin, 1943

How did Hollywood join the war effort?
See the show in... THE PRICE OF FREEDOM on 3 East