The Discoverer

Yours is the age of exploration! Always a pathfinder, you don’t care where you’re going or how you’ll get there, but whatever you find on your trip is sure to be an adventure. When navigating the Museum, you can barely decide which direction to turn!

Find Yourself in American History!

Start on the 1st floor and move up through the Museum.

Riding along in my automobile...

“All attempts heretofore to go overland in an automobile have come to grief.”
– San Francisco Examiner, May 23, 1903

Who drove this car and where were they going? What were the roads like?
America on the Move on 1 East

Where can you ride a buffalo?

“Near Like-a-Fishhook Village, wood was rather scarce because we sold so much of it to steam-boats.”
– Buffalo Bird Woman

O, Say Can You See...

“How did Francis Scott Key see the Star-Spangled Banner? Find out in...”
The Star-Spangled Banner on 2 Center

“Then in that hour of deliverance and joyful triumph, my heart spoke.”
– Francis Scott Key, recalling the morning of September 14, 1814

Find Yourself in American History!

Use these quotes and images to find the objects that match your personality.

Use the objects and people you find to answer the questions in the boxes.
Go West, young man. (Young women too!)

"Capts. Lewis and Clark wintered at the entrance [sic] of a Small river opposit [sic] the Mouth of Missouri called Wood River, where they formed their party. Composed of robust helthy [sic] hardy young men." - William Clark

When did the President predict the future?

"I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth. No single space project...will be more exciting, or more impressive to mankind, or more important...and none will be so difficult or expensive to accomplish."

- John F. Kennedy, May 1961

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

Title: _____________________________

A little more info:

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Ask a question:

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