

The Local

You are the Metro!

No matter how long you've lived in the Washington, D.C. area, a lifetime or a few days, this place is your home; these people, your people. When you walk into the Museum, you're visiting a local joint!

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.

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

I say ersters, you say oysters...

1880s



What made oysters profitable? How did this affect the Chesapeake Bay? Find answers in...

On the Water on 1 East

“Hard to swallow? Dangerous? Perhaps to the novice, the dastard. But to the veteran of the raw bar, the man of trained and lusty esophagus, a thing of prolonged and kaleidoscopic flavors, a slow sipping saturnalia, a delirium of joy!”

– H.L. Mencken, 1913



Next stop, Uniontown!

1885



“I-I won't live way out in the country, we'll never have any neighbors and nobody'll ever be able to find us...!”

– Cartoon from the *Evening Star*, 1880s



Where are these houses? What does the landscape tell you about this place? Discover in...

America on the Move on 1 East

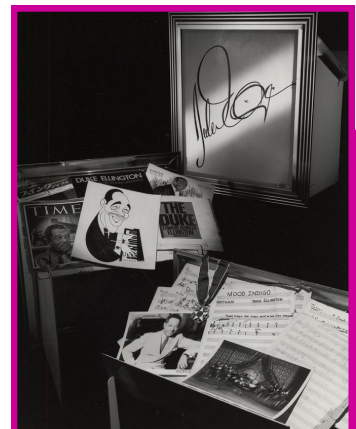
1899



It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing...

Who is the “Duke” of D.C.? What is he famous for? Who is he associated with? Find him in...

Artifact Wall on 2 Center



1814

It lit a fire in the heart of the country.

“Every American heart is bursting with shame and indignation at the catastrophe.”
— Baltimore resident, 1814



What building did this timber belong to? Who caused the fire? What did this mean for America?

The Star-Spangled Banner on 2 Center

1814

Once upon a time, this country had a “Queen” ...



“And now, dear sister, I must leave this house or the retreating army will make me a prisoner in it...”

- Dolley Madison, August 1814



Why is, and was, this First Lady (also known as “Queen Dolley”) a Washington favorite? What did she save that was so important? Meet her in...

The First Ladies on 3 Center

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

Title: _____



Ask a question:

A little more info:

