

#### You're the tale-spinner!

You've always felt the 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 enter the Museum, it's like opening a book!

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.

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!



Who am I, and who is my mother? Find out in...

The Star-Spangled Banner on 2 Center



"The flag being so very large, mother was obliged to obtain permission from the proprietors of Claggetts brewery which was in our neighborhood,...and I remember seeing my mother down on the floor, placing the stars."

### In 1869, Americans put gold back in the ground.

"By arrangement with W. H. Hibbard Esq., superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, a wire was attached to the gold spike so that when it was struck by Gov. Stanford, that instant the electric spark communicated with the cities east and west, and announced that the work was done."

— Salt Lake Telegram May 11, 1869



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

American Stories on 2 East

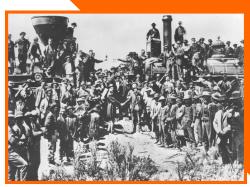


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1869

1813

1961

1960



## A Change Goin' 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."

- Joe McNeil, 1979



Why was sitting down the bravest thing I could do? Find me and my friends...

The Landmark Object on 2 East

**1943** 

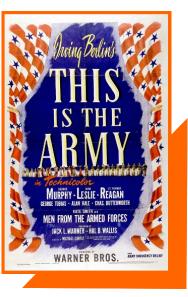
# In World War II, Hollywood went to war.



How did Hollywood join the war effort? See the show in...

The Price of Freedom on 3 East

...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



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

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