

Discover!

KIDS 0-6

National Museum of American History

This guide will help you find some of the things you will want to see!

With your help, children of all ages can enjoy visiting a museum.

Help them focus on objects by asking them questions.

What do you see? What colors, shapes, or letters do you see?

Help them think about an object:

What do you think this object was used for? Do we have something like it at home?

Engage their imagination:

What sound do you think this makes? If this was our boat where would we go?

Make using this Discover guide an adventure. Show them the picture and find the object together. Have fun and remember - knowledge begins in wonder!



Uncle Sam String Rider, 1916

1 West | *Object Project*, “Bicycles = Liberation” section

Bicycles help people get places faster than they can walk.

Uncle Sam looks like he is in a hurry to get somewhere!

Help him pedal his bike by pushing the green button to the right of the case.

Sesame Street Sign, 1979

1 West | *American Enterprise*, “Consumer Era” section

Do you see any letters you recognize? Can you tell me how to get to _____ Street? Can you find the television on display in the same case? Does it look like any TV you’ve seen before? How is it the same? How is it different?



Technicolor Camera, 1932

1 West | *Places of Invention*, “Hollywood” section

Have you ever seen a movie? This big camera was used to film a famous movie, *The Wizard of Oz*. It was one of the first movie cameras that could record pictures in color. Pretend you are one of the characters in the movie and pose for the camera.

Julia Child's Kitchen, 2001

1 East | *Food: Transforming the American Kitchen*

What kind of room is this? Do you see anything you have at home? This kitchen belonged to a famous chef named Julia Child who taught people how to cook on TV. Find the oven. What would you like to bake in it? Do you see kitchen tools you need to make it?



Riverboat Model, 1974

1 East | *On the Water*, "Inland Waterways" section

This is a model of a riverboat J. M. White. The real boat had bedrooms for 250 people. How big do you think it was? Why do you think museums sometimes collect models instead of the real thing?

Winton Automobile, 1908

1 East | *America on the Move*, "Crossing the Country" section

This red automobile was the first car to drive all the way across the United States. Along the way the drivers picked up a very special passenger. Find the car to discover who he was. What was his name? Why did he wear goggles?



1401 Locomotive, 1926

1 East | *America on the Move*, "Lives on the Railroad" section

Before it was collected by the museum, this locomotive pulled long trains of railroad cars. How many wheels do you count? Engineers use the train's whistle to call attention to the train. Pretend you are the engineer—blow the whistle two times to let everyone know that the train is about to leave, and get this train moving!

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