

Children's University Challenge: Museum at Home!

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Museums are amazing places to learn. When you visit a Museum you will spend time looking at lots of different collections of objects. We are challenging you to curate (the word museums use for 'create a collection') a museum collection of items which would tell someone all about you and your life.



You will need:

- Items that represent you and your life, your interests, (e.g. toys, books, medals, photos, clothes, pictures, anything really!)
- Paper
- Pencils, pens, etc.

Step 1: Why not take a virtual tour of an amazing museum using this link <https://www.familydaystriedandtested.com/free-virtual-tours-of-world-museums-educational-sites-galleries-for-children/> and have a look at some of their collections. What did they choose to include in the collection? Why do you think they chose them? How have they arranged or displayed them? How do they describe them?

Step 2: Think about your own collection. What might you want to include and why? It could be a range of things or a collection of one thing (e.g. dolls, cars, books, buttons, pebbles, anything!) Go on a hunt and collect all the items you'd like to include. Think about where you might curate your display?



Step 3: Take each item in turn. Using your paper, describe the item (imagine you're describing it to someone who cannot see it). Explain why it is important to you and what it represents (if anything).

Step 4: Arrange your items and their descriptions into your museum collection.

Step 5: Invite your family members to the grand opening of your special museum collection! You could even invite friends or family from other houses to view your collection virtually via video calling, just like you did at the beginning of this challenge!

You can collect **1 CU credit** for completing this task. To claim your credits, please complete and return a Club Challenge Reflection Diary and return it to your school along with evidence of your challenge.

You will receive a Learning Stamp Code to add to your Digital Dashboard!

