



Museum Lesson Plan

What is a Museum?

Mid-Michigan Children's Museum
Grades K-4
Duration: 45 minutes

Overview

This lesson plan is designed to explain the concept of a museum to students. This lesson is written as an anticipatory lesson to a visit to the museum, but could easily be adapted to the actual museum visit as well. If you would like to use this lesson at the museum please contact us.

Introduction

Explain to students that they will be visiting the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. Ask students if they have ever been to a museum. Through this, explain what a museum is and what students should expect when they come to the museum.

Procedure

1. Explain to students that objects in a museum are grouped by what is similar about them. These groups of objects are called galleries.
2. Ask students to look for items in the classroom that are similar. This could be arranged ahead of time by the teacher, or could be a spontaneous search in the classroom.
3. Once students have found a group of items give them the "what is a museum" work page to complete.
4. Students should draw and/or write descriptions of their group of items and answer the questions below. Have students give their gallery a name that encompasses all of the items in their gallery.
5. Have students share their gallery with the class explaining the title and a little bit about each item.

Closure

Explain to students that organizing information in this way makes it easier to find things in the museum. To help prepare them for their visit to the museum, you can explain the different galleries at the museum and ask students what they would expect to find in each gallery.

Assessment

Check for student understanding through their oral presentations to the class or through the completed worksheet.

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