

CARDS FOR MUSEUM VISIT

What are they?

Cards for museum visit are an activity for those visiting the museum without having arranged participation in an educational activity in advance.

It's an easy, flexible activity that can be adjusted to the needs and the free time of every school unit.

The goal is for students to walk through the museum in small groups and observe certain exhibits.

Each group observes an object in each gallery. They might also be asked to observe more objects related to that one.

During their visit students may use cameras or smartphones and take pictures without flash.

Through taking pictures, they learn to observe objects and find important details that provide information.

Duration of activity: 1 hour

Student groups: Elementary 5th–6th grade, Middle and High School.

Families: The cards can also be used by families.

What to do

You hold five series of cards.

Divide your students into five or less groups.

Each group takes a series of cards of the same color.

On one side the cards have a picture of an item. On the other a timeline that will help them understand the period that the items belong to, information about the item and instructions about the visit.

The group members discuss and orally reply to the questions posed to them. If they wish, they can have a piece of paper/

notepad to document their replies.

If you have adequate time at your disposal, once you complete a tour of a gallery, urge your groups to briefly present the items found.

At the end each group can create and narrate a story with all the observed items.

At school after the visit

Ask each group to present the items and the information collected with the help of the photographs taken during the visit. If students want, they can create a Power Point presentation.

Ask each group to think and narrate or write a story linking all the items that they observed (if not done so during the visit).

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