

Mini Museum



In this workshop, students will create a miniature exhibition using items from around their living space. This workshop encourages historical enquiry and engagement with objects from domestic and local contexts. Students will also develop their creativity and ideas whilst increasing proficiency in their execution.

Suitable for All ages

Curriculum links Active learning, creating and thinking critically

Making your Mini Museum

All museums are home to fantastic collections of different items from all over the world. The Royal Air Force Museum shares the story of the Royal Air Force using our collections. You can make your own mini museum and tell your own exciting stories too!

Decide what your Museum display will be about e.g. your family, something you collect, your toys etc.

- Make sure, if you are borrowing something that belongs to someone else, that you ask for permission first.

Think about how big your display is going to be. You could use:

- A shoe box or a large cardboard box turned on its side
- A free shelf on a unit in your house
- An empty window sill
- A small table.



Collect your items and think about how you can exhibit them. You might want to think about the order or sequence that they are in. You could:

- Display them in alphabetical order
- Display them in chronological (oldest to newest) order
- Display them in size order.

How will people visiting your mini museum/display know what each item is and why it is in your collection?

- Think about the story behind each object. Why is it special enough to be in your mini museum?

- You want to let people know just how special these items are.

Write a label for each item so that your visitors will know more about each piece in your collection.

- Many museum exhibition labels will start with the title/name of the object and will include other key information such as the year purchased/made, name of manufacturer of item, etc
- You don't want to include too much information – only the really important and interesting facts
- Some museums will put a label or display board next to every object.

Others will put a number next to each item on display and then one big panel nearby with each number and a bit more information. The choice is yours.

Museums are there to help people learn and think about what they are seeing.

- Make sure you include enough information about your items so that your visitors can learn all about the objects.

Some of your family members or friends may not be able to visit your mini museum in person. With an adult's permission, why not send them some photographs of your exhibition? Don't forget to share them on social media too!



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