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If it's your *first* or **100th** visit to an **ART MUSEUM** we want to make it *fun* and memorable...

## What is an Art Museum?

A **museum** is a **building** that protects, preserves, and displays objects (artifacts) of interest or significance. The **objects** can be

*artistic*,

cultural, scientific, and/or

**HISTORICAL**

A museum is a place you can

go to **look**, explore, learn, and enjoy.



**Art MUSEUMS** are usually supported by members (you could be **one**), government and private grants, *sponsors* (people or **businesses** who *love* the arts), *FUN*draising events, and renting the museum **space** to the **public** for things like parties, meetings, or weddings.

## What will I see?

At the Fresno Art Museum you will always see art, but you may also see things that have historical importance and tell us a story about our past. You may see an object that can teach us about a culture or period in history, maybe our own or another which we may not be familiar with. Some exhibitions can make us think about our world and why things are the way they are. If you keep your mind open, you can always find a wonderful surprise or two in the Museum.



## Could I exhibit in an Art Museum some time?

Many children in Fresno County have an opportunity to exhibit their artwork in our ChildSpace gallery, which is reserved for student and youth art. Your school may offer you an opportunity to be a part of one of those exhibitions.

If you have the determination and skill and imagination to become an artist and work really hard for a number of years, you may be able to someday show in the main galleries of our museum too.



## What you **CAN** do in the Art Museum:

- Look and explore with your eyes only—touching the art with your hands can damage it.
- Ask questions (if you're with a group, raise your hand first, just like in school).
- Discuss things you see with your friends, your family, and your teacher.
- Think about why an object exists or why someone created it.
- Look for clues in a work of art to discover more about an artist or a culture.
- Guess what an artist may be trying to say.
- Find something you really like. Think about why you like it.
- Find something that inspires you.
- Discover the elements of art by seeing examples.
- Learn something new.

## Just as a Reminder. . .

**NO** touching, running, shouting, eating, drinking, or drawing or writing with pens in the galleries.

