



Teaching at Museums



Puppet Planet Educational Packet #1
Episode 1: *Thandi Finds a Fossil*





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Connect with real
objects and experts!

What is a museum?



A **MUSEUM** is a special place that stores and protects collections of important objects.

Museums make these items available for people to view through exhibits where you can see and sometimes touch real objects on display.



Museums are teaching powerhouses!



Museums:

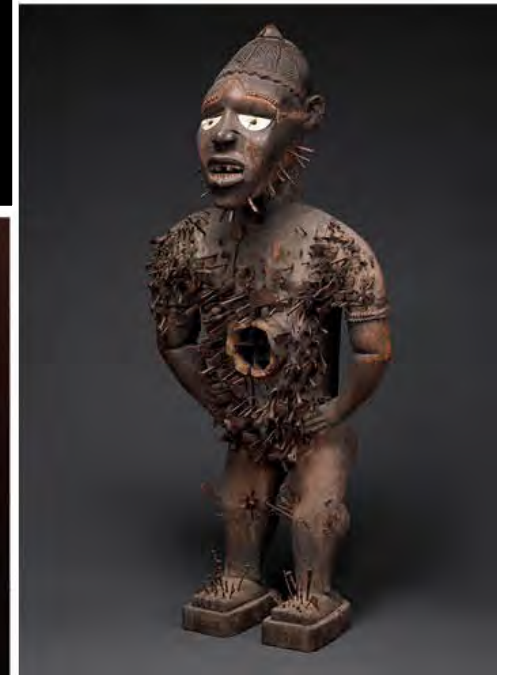
- Engage learners in inquiry-based learning
- Provide unique spaces for free exploration and active learning
- Help learners develop 21st century skills such as critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration
- Offer learners the chance to connect with scientists and other experts



Museums contain primary sources and real objects such as original documents, artefacts, fossils, artwork, and historical objects.

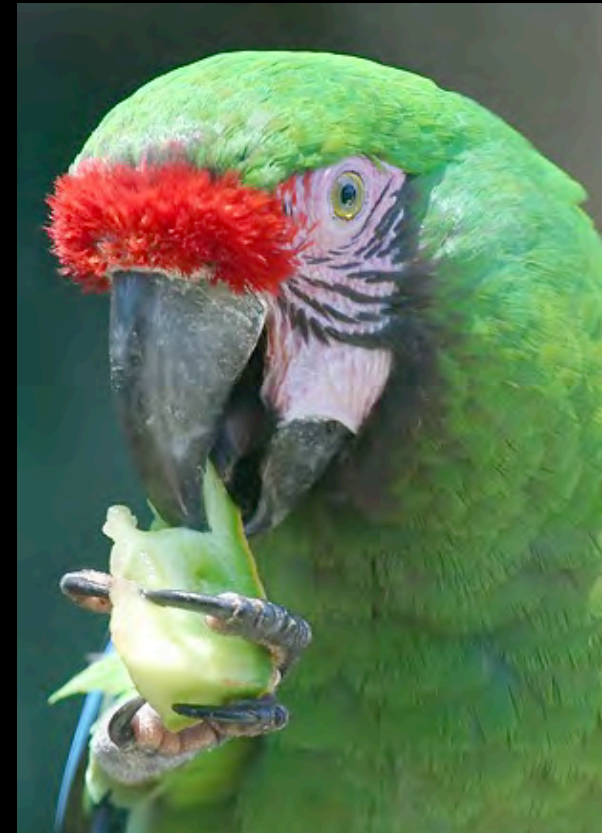


These objects can be artefacts made by people...





or collections that document biodiversity on Earth...





or fossils and rocks that record the history of life on Earth.



Why is object-based learning so powerful?



- Objects are fascinating!
- Objects are not age-specific - not tied to a particular grade level
- Objects help us document the history of life and culture
- **Using objects helps learners develop important intellectual skills**
- Reference (pdf) - Hennigar Shuh

Museums celebrate our natural and cultural connections





Museums inspire learners to follow their interests.

How to get started using museums in your teaching...



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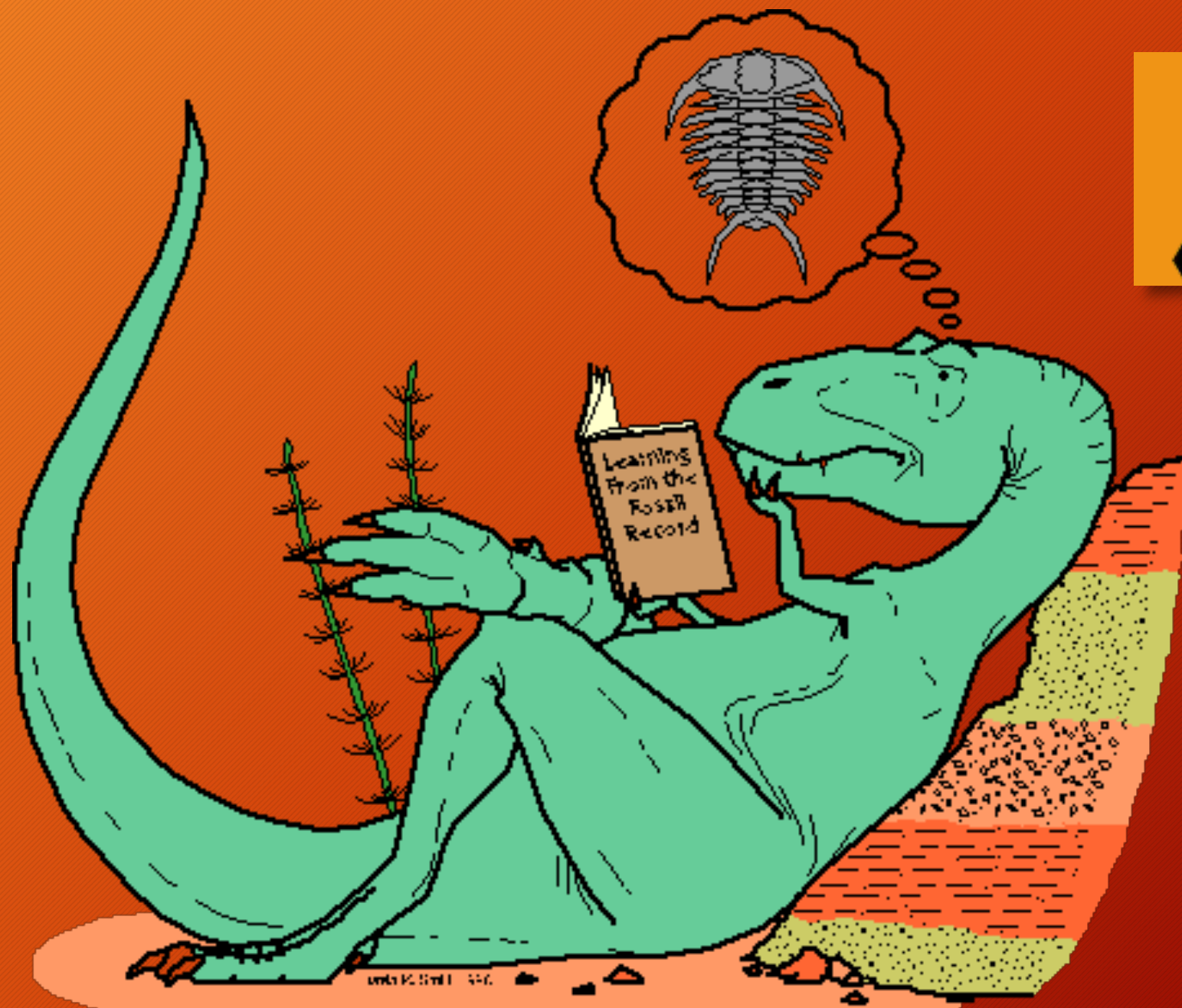
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- Plan pre- and post-trip activities
- Connect with local museum educators who can provide ideas and lessons plans
- Find ways to access museum teaching resources online in advance of your trip
- Prepare your learners for the trip with some lessons or activities in the classroom





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