

Summer Museum Visit – Social Studies Assignment

The following must be turned into your Social Studies teacher on the 1st day of school. This will count as your first project grade for the marking period.

After visiting a museum of your choice (see suggested list below), choose a piece of artwork, a photograph, an artifact or an exhibit.

Directions: Write a 250-500 word well-developed essay that includes an introduction and a conclusion. When writing your essay, you may consider the following questions:

- Explain why you chose this museum. Have you visited it before?
- Describe why you chose this piece, photo, artifact or exhibit.
- What did you like or dislike about it this exhibit?
- What is the significance or meaning behind your choice? (How did you interpret it?) Explain your ideas.
- What do you feel is the purpose of this piece of art? Why do you feel the artist created it? What does it represent?
- Explain how this piece of art reflects the values of the culture that created it.
- Did other people stop and look at your choice? What are some of the reactions you overheard? Do you agree or disagree with what they had to say? Why or why not?
- What was your overall experience of the museum? What is it that made you feel that way? Why? Explain your ideas.

Suggested Museums:

- Museum of Modern Art (MOMA)
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Museum of Natural History
- Guggenheim Museum
- Whitney Museum of American Art
- Museum of the City of New York
- Brooklyn Museum
- New York Historical Society
- Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Museum of Moving Images
- National September 11th Memorial and Museum
- NY Hall of Science
- The Studio Museum in Harlem
- New York Transit Museum
- Museum of Arts and Design
- Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum
- Skyscraper Museum