

Documenting & Interpreting History

Middle School Level

Activity:

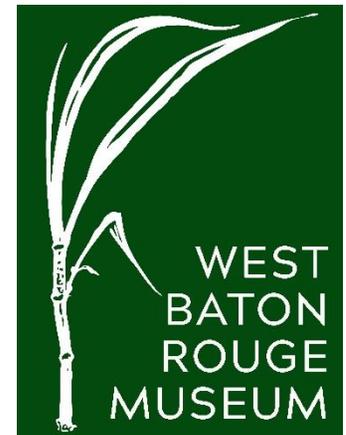
Fast forward 10 years into the future. Pretend your job is now that of a curator in a history museum much like the WBR Museum. The job of a curator in a history museum is to plan and install exhibits as well as to write text to help the public understand events that took place in the past.

Pretend you are tasked with planning an exhibit about the 2020 Corona virus pandemic. Think about the artifacts that you might want to include in the exhibit. Make a list of 5 items that you would include in the exhibit. **For example:** a handmade face mask of colorful fabric might be an important item to include. An explanation of how it was used and why people were making their own personal protection equipment at the time.

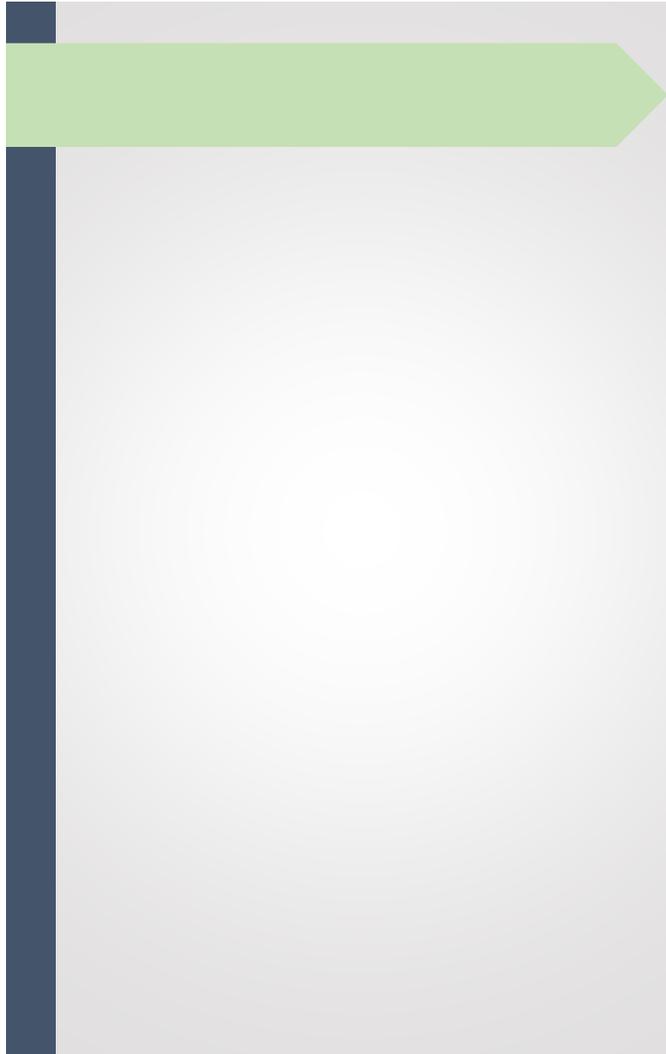
Create labels for each of the items explaining what it is, its significance regarding the event (the Coronavirus Pandemic in this case), to whom it may have belonged and when it was acquired by your museum.

Write a text panel of 100 words or fewer as an introduction to your museum's exhibit explaining the pandemic's significance, its impact on children, adults and elders and society in general. Make sure you create a title for your exhibit.

Use the graphic organizer on the next page to help you plan the exhibit. You may even want to draw/sketch examples of the artifacts in the spaces provided.



Use the block below to write the title of your exhibit and introductory panel of 100 words. Use the organizer to the right to indicate the artifacts you have chosen for the exhibit by writing the name of the item in the bubble or drawing it. Use the tag space on the right to write an explanation of its significance to the Pandemic and other important details.

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