

the Muse project where wonder meets wisdom



The Muse Project is a series of free, curriculum-linked field trip programs for grades 4-9 that engage students in object-based research with University of Alberta Museums collections. Each program contains three elements: an on-campus Discovery Tour, a Discovery Kit with resources for the classroom, and a website with lesson plans and additional support for educators.

Since its inception in 2002, the Muse Project has guided more than 10,000 students on research journeys *from wonder to wisdom*.

The goals of this program are to:

- Provide students with intrinsically-motivated learning opportunities with University of Alberta Museums collections.
- Support the development of critical thinking, historical thinking, and visual literacy skills in young researchers.
- Remove barriers to post-secondary education for students by providing engaging learning experiences on campus.
- Inspire a sense of wonder and a passion for discovery in youth through a research journey *from wonder to wisdom*.



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Did you know...

The University of Alberta Museums is one of the largest collecting institutions in Canada, with a 100-year history of object-based learning and research. This unique network of 28 diverse museum collections ranging from art and archeology to paleontology and zoology is housed in 120 locations across campus.

Totalling more than 17 million objects, the collections are a rich resource used daily to fuel discovery and advance knowledge through teaching, research, and community outreach. Approximately 5000 students register annually in courses at the University of Alberta that use collections as primary sources in discovery learning.

Visit www.museums.ualberta.ca or call **780.492.5834** to learn more about:

- Museum locations
- Booking visits and tours
- Exhibitions, programs, and events
- Membership program
(*Friends of the U of A Museums*)
- Volunteer possibilities
- Donation opportunities
- School programs
- University courses using collections
- Research access and projects
- Searching web accessible collections
- Museum services

