

## Reading Public Museum School Tour Topics

*Themed tours are listed below by gallery. Tours of more than one gallery can be arranged depending on group size and visit length. Each tour is customized for specific age/grade. Links to Pennsylvania State Curriculum Standards are listed.*



**Ancient Egypt** (Ancient Civilizations Gallery – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
Description: Learn about hieroglyphics, ancient Egyptian religion and mummification, as well as the Museum's mummy Nefrina.

Geography: 7.2, 7.3, 7.4;  
History: 8.1, 8.4; Arts & Humanities: 9.1, 9.2



**Greece, Rome and the Near East** (Ancient Civilizations Gallery – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Description: Learn about the art, artifacts and people who made them from the civilizations of the ancient Near East, Greece and Rome. Discover the contributions that these cultures made that we still use today.

Geography: 7.3, 7.4; History: 8.4; Arts & Humanities: 9.1, 9.2



**African Cultures** (Africa Gallery – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Description: Understand the peoples of the largest continent in the world and travel throughout the southeast African mountains and plains.

Geography: 7.2; History: 8.4; Arts & Humanities: 9.1, 9.2



**Knights in Shining Armor** (Arms and Armor Gallery)

Description: Learn about life in the Middle Ages, the code of chivalry, and how one became a knight.

Geography: 7.3, 7.4; History: 8.4; Arts & Humanities: 9.1, 9.2



**Art and Culture of Asia** (Asian Gallery – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Description: Explore the Far East on this dynamic tour through Asian art and history. Discover the heritage of China, Japan and Southeast Asia on this cultural quest.

Arts & Humanities: 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4; History: 8.4; Geography: 7.3



**North American Indian Cultures** (North American Indian Gallery – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Description: Learn about the indigenous people of this country from the objects they created and how their geographic location shaped their individual cultures. This gallery includes selections

from the local Lenape, the peoples of the plains, southwest, northwest coast and the arctic.

Geography: 7.3, 7.4; History: 8.2, 8.3; Arts & Humanities: 9.1, 9.2; Environment & Ecology: 4.4



**Art in Ancient and Historic Latin America** (Latin American Gallery – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Description: Explore the civilizations of the Aztec, Maya, Inca and Nazca through the objects in this gallery. This newly designed gallery also features objects related to the Day of the Dead and the ancient Mesoamerican ballgame.

Geography: 7.3, 7.4; History: 8.4; Arts & Humanities: 9.1, 9.2



**Animal Habitats** (Natural Science Gallery – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Description: This gallery introduces the concepts of animal habitats, the water table, and geography of our region.

Environment & Ecology: 4.1, 4.2, 4.6, 4.7; Science & Technology: 3.3



**Earth, Rocks, and Fossils** (Earth Science Gallery – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Description: Learn about the many physical changes that the earth and its inhabitants have undergone over time through the various rocks, minerals, and fossils displayed in this gallery.

Geography: 7.1, 7.2; Science & Technology: 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5; Environment & Ecology: 4.6, 4.7



**The Renaissance and Beyond** (European Gallery 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> C. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Description: This gallery shows examples of the various traditions in European art including religion, history, genre and portrait painting; sculpture and decorative arts.

Geography: 7.3, 7.4; History: 8.4; Arts & Humanities: 9.1, 9.3



**European Art – 19<sup>th</sup> Century** (19<sup>th</sup> C. European Gallery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Description: The 19<sup>th</sup> century gave rise to some of the most important movements in art. Discover the Museum's collection

which includes paintings from the Barbizon school as well as the Impressionists such as Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt.

**Special Exhibitions:** The Museum offers guided tours of special exhibitions for both adult and school groups. Check the web site calendar for the Museum's special exhibition schedule.

Art & Humanities: 9.1, 9.2; Science & Technology 3.8; History 8.4



**Pennsylvania German Art & Culture** (Pennsylvania German Gallery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Description: Discover the life and culture of the Pennsylvania Germans through the Museum's collection of items such as furniture, pottery, tinware, samplers, coverlets and fraktur.

Geography: 7.3, 7.4; Science & Technology 3.8; Art & Humanities 9.1, 9.2; History 8.2; Environment & Ecology: 4.4



**Themes in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art** (20<sup>th</sup> C. Art Gallery – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Description: Learn about two of the most important themes that run through the art of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: abstraction and the human figure. Artwork by some of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most famous artists such as Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, and Salvador Dali are included.

Art & Humanities: 9.1, 9.3, 9.4; History: 8.3, 8.4

**Pre-School Tours:** Special tours based on the Museum's "Story Thursday" program can be scheduled on request. Pre-school tours include a story reading, mini-tour and hands-on activity.