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# NATIONAL MUSIC MUSEUM PRE-TOUR FUN AND FACT SHEET

Soon you will be taking a trip to the National Music Museum. This guide has been prepared to help get you ready for your visit. Please, answer the questions as best you can, and be ready to share your thought when you get to the National Music Museum.

**1.** Many people collect things like stamps, coins, or dolls. Do you collect anything? What do you collect?

**2.** Why do you think people collect things?

The National Music Museum has more than 14,800 instruments in its collections. The core collection – more than 2,000 instruments – came from one person, Arne B. Larson, who started collecting musical instruments when he was about your age. What was a hobby soon turned into a life-long passion. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to get to know his collection as part of the National Music Museum.

**3.** Do you listen to music? To what kind of music do you like to listen?

**4.** Why do you listen to music? Is it important to listen to music?

**5.** Do you know someone who plays a musical instrument? What kind? Do you play a musical instrument? What kind of instrument is it?

The **National Music Museum** has representatives from every instrument family: woodwinds, brasses, strings, keyboards, and percussion. These instruments are important in making all kinds of music from classical to rock. You will get to see instruments from virtually every culture and historical time period. You will find that music is by and for everyone. The instruments at the National Music Museum will show you how we have always needed ways to express ourselves.

## MUSEUM MANNERS

Please be aware that the National Music Museum houses artifacts from the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Our first priority is to preserve the artifacts for the benefit of future generations. While it is very tempting to touch, please only look. One person touching an artifact may not seem significant. If, however, all of the 40,000 people who visit the National Music Museum each year touched the instruments, nothing would last.

Be courteous to your classmates, teachers, chaperones, and tour guides. Have fun at the National Music Museum by learning new and sometimes strange things.

Please do not bring any food or beverages into the National Music Museum. Gum is also not allowed. It is important that the artifacts, as well as the hallways and galleries, stay clean.

When you visit the National Music Museum, please think about who made the instruments, who played, them, who listened to them, and what their lives might have been like. Be ready to ask and answer questions.



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