Create a Little Exhibit of BIG Things

Build your own exhibit with objects from the UAMN collections!

Have you ever visited a museum? If so, what did you see and experience? What kinds of objects, specimens, or art did you see? What kinds of stories did the exhibits tell? Did you see BIG things? Get inspired to create your own exhibit! On your next visit to the UA Museum of the North, look for the BIG objects in the exhibits!

Materials Needed: Museum Exhibit template (or print your own), pictures of museum objects, scissors, glue, tape, coloring supplies.

Optional extension: To create a larger diorama, use a shoebox instead of the template!

Image: Andy Padilla.

Instructions:

Step 1: <u>Prepare the Museum Exhibit Template:</u> Out out the triangles on the bottom corners, then fold on the dotted lines to make the display stand up. Tape the corners to hold in place.

Optional: Print or glue template to cardstock to make it sturdier.

Step 2: Oreate your exhibit of BIG things:

Look at the pictures of museum objects, and decide which big things to include in your

Discover Big Things at UAMN!

Many BIG things are on display at the Museum of the North!

A bowhead whale skeleton hangs from the lobby ceiling. It measures 42 ft (12.8 m) in length and the bones weigh 1830 lbs (830 kg)!



Bowhead Whale. UAF photo by JR Ancheta

A tall grizzly bear welcomes visitors in the Gallery of Alaska, where a mammoth skull and other large Alaskan animals from the past and present are on display. Visitors can see large cultural objects such as an umiak, kayaks, and Chilkat robes, as well as many large works of art. Many more BIG objects are in the collections but not on display, including dinosaur fossils and huge rocks and minerals.

Mammoth and mastodon fossils.

Some museum objects are just too big to be on display

inside the museum. For example, Ben Eleson's Ourtiss

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Right: Ourtiss Jenny airplane. Image: Theresa Bakker.

Several sculptures, a totem pole, whale bones, %] % o] v ^ %] P _ U and a blockhouse around the museum grounds. In 2020, the museum became the home of Bus 142 (the Into the Wild _bus) which will become an outdoor exhibit in the next few years.

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Museum Objects

Images are not to scale.

Purse, Arctic Village, ca. 1935

Intertidal Pools, Steve Gordon, 1999 Drifting Forms Ree Nancarrow, 1999

Great Alaska Outhouse Experience Oraig Buchanan, 2005 Oscar Scared Him with His Icon Alvin Amason, 1977

Tools from Quartz Lake, 200 to 1000 years old

Drum and Stick, Chronicles of Raven Michael Dangeli

The Muries in Alaska Rusty Heurlin Statue of Liberty Doll by Rosalie Paniyak



The Next Generation Berry Picker and The Great Hunter Earl Auralria Atchak

Chilkat Robe (mid-late 1800s)

What Is My Story? by Drew Michael Raven Flood Totem Pole by students at Mt. Edgecumbe School, 1946

Model Canoe

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