

Form + Theme + Context...FTC Palette for Decoding An Art Museum

Museum: _____ Date _____ Name _____

How does a balance of formal, thematic, and contextual features shape a museum's meaning and impact?

FORMAL

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THEMATIC

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CONTEXTUAL

How The Museum "Is"

Environment: *architecture exterior/ interior and landscaping*

Ambiance/Style: *Size/Scale/ Materials, Visual/Spatial Features, Learning Spaces*

Object Presentation and Info:

Pedagogical Programming & Strategies:

Website & Technology Use:

Resources & Materials:

Services: *gift shops, cafeteria, films, theater, events*

Other:

Museum Focus and Relationships

Focus/**BIG IDEA(S)**:

Scope/Range of Topics:

Art Historical Periods/Emphasis:

Permanent Collection

Exhibitions: Past And Present

Disciplinary Relationships:

Other Arts Connections:

- ⊗ Literature
- ⊗ Music
- ⊗ Theater
- ⊗ Dance
- ⊗ Film

Other Subject Areas:

- ⇒ Math
- ⇒ Language Arts
- ⇒ Science
- ⇒ Social Studies
- ⇒ Physical Education
- ⇒ Vocational Education

Circumstances, Forces and Value

Location: *Neighborhood/Community/Access*

History: *Architectural design, Period built, original use,*

Audience/ Outreach:

Administration/Policy:

WHY: Mission and Purpose:

Significance/Relevance:

- ◆ Personal
- ◆ Social:
- ◆ Cultural
- ◆ Historical
- ◆ Artistic
- ◆ Educational
- ◆ Political
- ◆ Spiritual
- ◆ Other

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