

## My Trip to the Museum of Art

We are going to the Dallas Museum of Art where we will see art from all over the world! Inside the museum we will see lots of paintings, sculptures, and people.



When we arrive at the museum, we may park in the underground garage.



We will then walk up these steps to arrive at the front entrance to the museum.



As we walk in, a friendly face wearing a black DMA shirt may greet us. People wearing this same black shirt will be around the museum to help us. If we have any questions or get lost, these are good people to ask.



If we have any food or drink, we must eat or drink these in the café.



The museum is full of big spaces that make our noise even louder. We need to be sure and use our inside voices and stay quiet.



There are four floors and lots of rooms in the museum, so we need to use our walking feet and stay close to an adult at all times.



Art is very special and we don't want to mess it up. Even if it is tempting to touch, we must stay an arms length from the art and keep our arms by our sides



Some art is behind glass to protect it. If we touch it, our fingerprints will stay on the glass.



Quiet galleries include the Ancient Art of the Americas. Here we can find a room within a room full of artwork.



In the Sub Saharan African gallery, we can see African hats, masks, mummies, and touch different fabrics.



If we want to look, touch, listen, read, make, and talk about art, we can go to the Center for Creative Connections (C3) Gallery.



The museum can seem like a big place. There are many activities we can do throughout the museum to make it seem smaller and focus on the details in the art! Some ideas include:

- Create a scavenger hunt. Go into a gallery looking for:
  - Colors
  - Shapes
  - Emotions
  - Animals
  - Clothing items: hats, masks ...
- Play I Spy and see if the person we're with can guess what we see.
- Bring a notepad and sketch pictures of the art using a pencil.
- Create a story about the art.
- Take breaks. No need to rush through the gallery.
- Say how the artworks are different. How are they similar?
- Relate the artwork to something we know. What does it look like? Is armor like football gear?



If we need a break, there are lots of areas within the galleries to step away from the flow of people. We can also go to this courtyard! Because we get into the museum free, we can easily leave and come back when we need to.



What do you know?

- Should we walk or run in the museum?
- If we have a question or get lost, whom should we ask?
- Where can we eat or drink in the museum?
- Where can we touch art?
- Who do we tell if we need a break?
- How far from the art must we stand?
- What fun activities can we do in the museum galleries?



There are always events going on at the museum. If you prefer a quiet time to attend the galleries, look at our website or call us at 214-922-1200 to see what is going on!

Special events at the museum include Thursday Night Live, lectures, gallery talks and tours, concerts, workshops, and programs for people with Autism, low vision, or dementia. For more information, check out our website [www.dallasmuseumofart.org](http://www.dallasmuseumofart.org).

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