



Steps to Take	Key Questions
<p>Introduce the museum project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is our job? • What is a museum? • How will we work as a team? • What do visitors know and wonder about our museum topic?
<p>Visit a professional museum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the characteristics of high-quality exhibits? • What criteria will we use for our exhibits?
<p>Research the museum topic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are our research questions? • Where will we locate information? • How will we summarize information as we take notes? • How will we analyze information to answer our research questions? • How will we synthesize information to answer our focus question? • What is our big idea? • What is our story line for visitor learning?

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<p>Design the exhibits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will we use to tell our story? • How do we get visitors to experience our story? • What will our completed exhibit look like? • Will our exhibit work?
<p>Write for a museum audience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the content and order of our exhibit labels help visitors understand our big idea? • Is our writing relevant and useful to the visitor? • Is the tone of our writing clear and consistent? • Does the visual quality, organization, and structure of our text make it easy to read? • Is the text in our exhibit is grammatically correct?
<p>Construct the exhibition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is our exhibit team's plan for accomplishing our work? • How are we working as a team? • How will we install our exhibit?
<p>Learn the full exhibition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the completed exhibit be used as a teaching tool? • How can we engage visitors with our exhibit? • When will we take school groups on tours of our museum? • How will we learn about the other exhibits in our museum? • What did we learn?
<p>Open the museum to the public</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What roles will we play on opening night? • What activities will we have during our opening night event? • How will we advertise our event? • What is our schedule for opening night? • How will we dismantle our museum? • How will we celebrate our accomplishments?