ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

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Directions: Every day, select at least three activities from different subject areas and discuss your choices with an adult.

Technology Key: All activities require a computer or mobile device to access. Some require supporting technology to perform the activity.

📝 pencil and paper   ✋ hands-on activity   🖨 printer

📱 mobile device   💻 computer
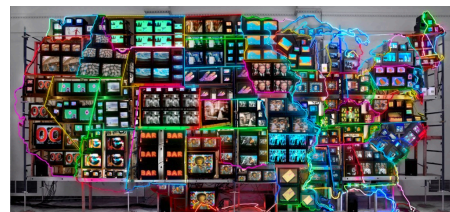
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Navigate the hidden treasures of a coral reef in the "Secrets of the Sea" online interactive.	Explore America's motto e pluribus unum ("out of many, one") through the lens of artworks.	Listen to an Asante tale about a clever tortoise that outwits a fierce, boastful leopard.	Design a poster, using elements such as color, line, and composition.
Smithsonian Center for Learning and Digital Access	*Smithsonian American Art Museum*	*National Museum of African Art*	*Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum*
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SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

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Learn about African American STEM contributions at NASA over the past sixty years.	Read about the real Smokey Bear that inspired a character in the nationwide Wildfire Prevention Campaign.	Navigate the hidden treasures of a coral reef in the "Secrets of the Sea" online interactive.	Create your own kite prototype using the steps of the invention process to guide you.	Build a Biocube out of household items, then use it to investigate nature in a small area just outside your home.
National Museum of African American History and Culture	*Smithsonian Institution Archives*	*Smithsonian Center for Learning and Digital Access*	*Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation*	*National Museum of Natural History*
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🌐 SOCIAL STUDIES ACTIVITIES

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Make choices as the "owner" of a popular candy company to help your product succeed in this simulation exploring American business. *National Museum of American History* Tech needed: 💻	Write and send a letter through the mail to a friend, with some tips on how to address your envelope. *National Postal Museum* Tech needed: 📝 ✋	Explore Panama's biodiversity, rich history and culture, and important links to the history of the United States. *Smithsonian Latino Center* Tech needed: 📱 / 💻	Explore America's motto e pluribus unum ("out of many, one") through the lens of artworks. *Smithsonian American Art Museum* Tech needed: 📱 / 💻	Watch and learn what life was like on the Mayflower and think about the conditions that led to the signing of a historic agreement. *Plimoth Plantation, a Smithsonian Affiliate* Tech needed: 📱 / 💻

For a comprehensive listing of Smithsonian Distance Learning resources, visit
https://learninglab.si.edu/distancelearning

🏛 CULTURE ACTIVITIES

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Learn how Latin Boogaloo music started out as local music by young folks and transformed into a global phenomenon.

Smithsonian Education

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Take a "ginkgo walk," a practice that draws inspiration from natural surroundings to create Japanese haikus.

City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, a Smithsonian Affiliate

Tech needed: 📱 / 💻

Hear a wide range of Hawai'ian music to learn about its influences and characteristics.

Smithsonian Folkways

Tech needed: 📱 / 💻

Listen to an Asante tale about a clever tortoise that outwits a fierce, boastful leopard.

National Museum of African Art

Tech needed: 📱 / 💻

Try your hand at making Tlingit ear loops with step-by-step instructions from a renowned artisan.
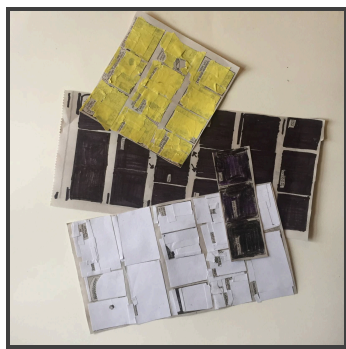
National Museum of the American Indian

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✎ ARTS ACTIVITIES

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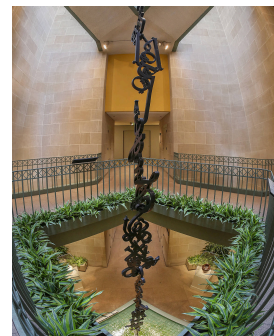|				
Repurpose old comics into poems, just like contemporary artist Tony Lewis does. *Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden* Tech needed: 📝 ✋	Look closely at a photograph of modern dancer, Martha Graham, then collaborate with a partner to create your own dance photograph. *National Museum of American History* Tech needed: 📱 ✋	Piece together online puzzles created from iconic portraits. *National Portrait Gallery* Tech needed: 📱 / 💻	Examine an artwork inspired by a Chinese folktale of monkeys who try to reach for the moon, only to discover a vanishing reflection in the water. *National Museum of Asian Art* Tech needed: 📱 / 💻	Design a poster, using elements such as color, line, and composition. *Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum* Tech needed: 📝 ✋