ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

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SCIENCE SOCIAL STUDIES CULTURE ARTS

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

SCIENCE



Navigate the hidden treasures of a coral reef in the "Secrets of the Sea" online interactive.

Smithsonian Center for Learning and Digital Access

Tech needed: 💻

SOCIAL STUDIES



Explore America's motto e pluribus unum ("out of many, one") through the lens of artworks.

Smithsonian American Art Museum

Tech needed: 📱 / 💻

CULTURE



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

National Museum of African Art

Tech needed: 📱 / 💻

ARTS



Design a poster, using elements such as color, line, and composition.

Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

Tech needed: 📝 ✋

SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

COMPLEXITY →



Learn about African American STEM contributions at NASA over the past sixty years.

National Museum of African American History and Culture

Tech needed: 📱 / 💻



Read about the real Smokey Bear that inspired a character in the nationwide Wildfire Prevention Campaign.

Smithsonian Institution Archives

Tech needed: 📱 / 💻



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Smithsonian Center for Learning and Digital Access

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Create your own kite prototype using the steps of the invention process to guide you.

Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation

Tech needed: ✋📝



Build a Biocube out of household items, then use it to investigate nature in a small area just outside your home.

National Museum of Natural History

Tech needed: ✋📝

SOCIAL STUDIES ACTIVITIES

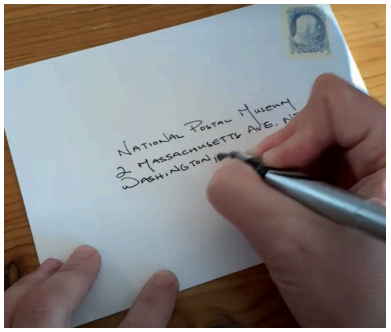
COMPLEXITY



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: 📱 / 💻



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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: 📱 / 💻

CULTURE ACTIVITIES

COMPLEXITY



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

Smithsonian Education

Tech needed: 📱 / 💻



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: 📱 / 💻



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National Museum of African Art

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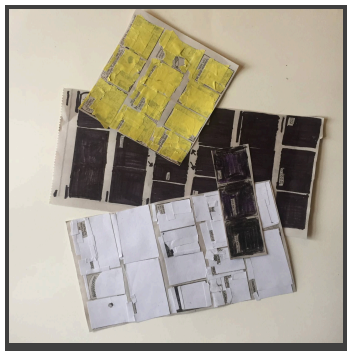
Try your hand at making Tlingit ear loops with step-by-step instructions from a renowned artisan.

National Museum of the American Indian

Tech needed: ✋

ARTS ACTIVITIES

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Repurpose old comics into poems, just like contemporary artist Tony Lewis does.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

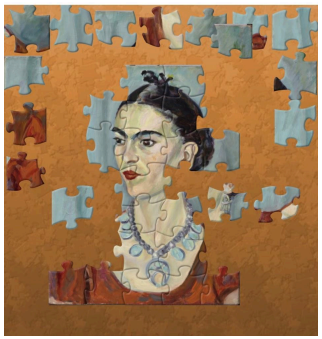
Tech needed: 📝 ✋



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: 📱 / 💻



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