

LESSON PLAN

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SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS

INFORMATION REPORT

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Stages	Procedure	Time
Objectives	 To practice a. skimming and scanning skills b. guessing meanings of words in context 	
Warmer	 Teacher shows picture. (see Appendix) Do you recognise this picture? From what movie is this taken from. Where does this story take place? Can you name the place? 	5 mins
Pre-reading	 Teacher arranges the students into small groups. Teacher distributes Task 1 – students to guess the meanings of words in bold. (8 mins) Teacher elicits for answers and confirms answers. 	15 mins
While-Reading	 Teacher distributes Task 2. Students answer the questions in Task 2 individually. Students check answers with a partner. Teacher discusses and confirms answers with class. 	8 mins
Post-reading	 Teacher distributes Task 3. Students complete the task individually. Teacher discusses and confirms the answers. 	8 mins
Wrap	Teacher does a concept check of the lesson	4 mins

TASK 1

Read the sentences and guess the meanings of the words in bold.

	Statements	Meaning
1.	The painting you see on my wall is archaic . I think it was my great grandfather who painted it when he was in his 70s.	
2.	Due to human activities, many species of the flora and fauna of the region are at risk of becoming extinct.	
3.	Taxidermists are people who stuff dead animals to preserve them for display or study.	
4.	In the course of evolution , some birds have lost the power of flight.	
5.	He became a paleontologist because he likes to learn about the forms of life existing in prehistoric or geologic times.	
6.	The moon takes 27 days to orbit the Earth completely.	
7.	He gave his 10-year-old son a telescope for his birthday because his son was always curious about the stars and planets and wanted to become an astronomer .	
8.	The municipal council created a lane specifically dedicated to cyclists for their own safety.	
9.	The museum's collection includes artefacts dating back to prehistoric times.	
10.	She is not very good at rowing boats but she can steer them very well, even through crowded waterways.	
11.	They like to hang out at the mall during the hot season because of the air-conditioning.	
12.	Because the region is prone to flooding, most of the houses are built on stilts .	



TASK 2

Answer True (T) or False (F) to the statements below.

	Statements	T/F
1.	The National Mall is made up of 11 museums.	
2.	One can visit all the museums in one trip.	
3.	You can learn how all living species have developed and changed over time at the National Museum of Natural History.	
4.	You can see real scientists at work at the National Museum of Natural History.	
5.	The most popular museum at the National Mall is the National Air and Space Museum.	
6.	The National Air and Space Museum does not feature the latest inventions.	
7.	A teepee is a type of tent that Native Americans live in.	
8.	You can touch all the displays in the National Museum of the American Indian.	
9.	One can see exhibits, from ancient artefacts to the latest innovations in the museums.	

TASK 3

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Where is the National Mall located?
- 2. Who manages the museums at the National Mall?
- 3. Which museum would you visit if you wanted to see animals which are already extinct?
- 4. If you wanted to look at the night sky through a high-powered telescope, where would you go? Who would you talk to?
- 5. If you wanted to see what kind of house a native American Indian lived in, which museum would you visit?
- 6. How much is the entrance fee to all the museums?

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ANSWERS

Task 1

- 1. ancient; very old
- 2. plant and animal life
- 3. fill up (with materials)
- 4. the process by which different kinds of living organism are believed to have developed from earlier forms during the history of the earth.
- 5. a scientist who studies fossils to learn about prehistoric life forms
- 6. go around; circle
- 7. a scientist who studies space and the planets
- 8. set aside; reserved
- 9. man-made objects of historical interest and value
- 10. guide
- 11. spend a lot of time (in a place or with someone)
- 12. posts; pillars or supports

Task 2

- 1. F
- 2. F
- 3. Т
- 4. T
- 5. T
- 6. F
- 7. T 8. F
- 8. F 9. T

Task 3

- 1. Washington, D.C.
- 2. The Smithsonian Institution
- 3. National Museum of Natural History
- 4. National Air and Space Museum
- 5. National Museum of the American Indian
- 6. It's all free of charge.