Museum Discovery Camp Week Two: How do museums tell stories?

Last week, we thought about what makes a museum a museum, the history of museums, and why museums matter. This week, we're going to think about how museums tell stories and why it's important that museums tell stories.

What is storytelling? How do museums tell stories?

These four sites will take you on a journey through different aspects of storytelling historic stories, the idea that everyone has a story to tell, artifacts that tell stories, and a project at the Tenement Museum in NYC that invites anyone to share their story. What did you learn from each page? What story do you think your museum will tell? Is it a story about you or someone you know? Is it a story about history?



How do people tell really good stories?

StoryCorps and The Moth are two organizations that help people tell stories. Here's how they suggest telling great stories.



Storytelling is the **focus for this week**, so think about the theme of your museum and begin to gather stories and objects that tell stories, talk to people, ask them questions, think about what interests you, and find connections between people and things. Record your ideas and stories!