Digital Object Based Learning with Libraries and Museums
Introductions

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What is “object based learning?”

“The consequent learning and meaning-making that develops from interacting with an object.”

Contextual Model of Learning (Falk and Dierking 2000).
Identifying vs Reading Objects

Identifying Objects

- emphasizes *naming* to identify objects
- Then time to teach the child to name something else

Reading Objects

- different aspects of an object convey meaning
- requires detailed observations and emphasizes *critical thinking*
Benefits of Object Based Learning

Objects offer authentic experiences that provide:

- Language differentiation
- Reading level differentiation
- Knowledge level differentiation
- Learning style differentiation
- Age differentiation
Using Digital Objects for Learning

Observation

Inference

Bonus: Additional Questions
What can we learn from this object?
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Explore with your classroom instruction in mind.

Think about how you might incorporate one of the objects into a lesson.