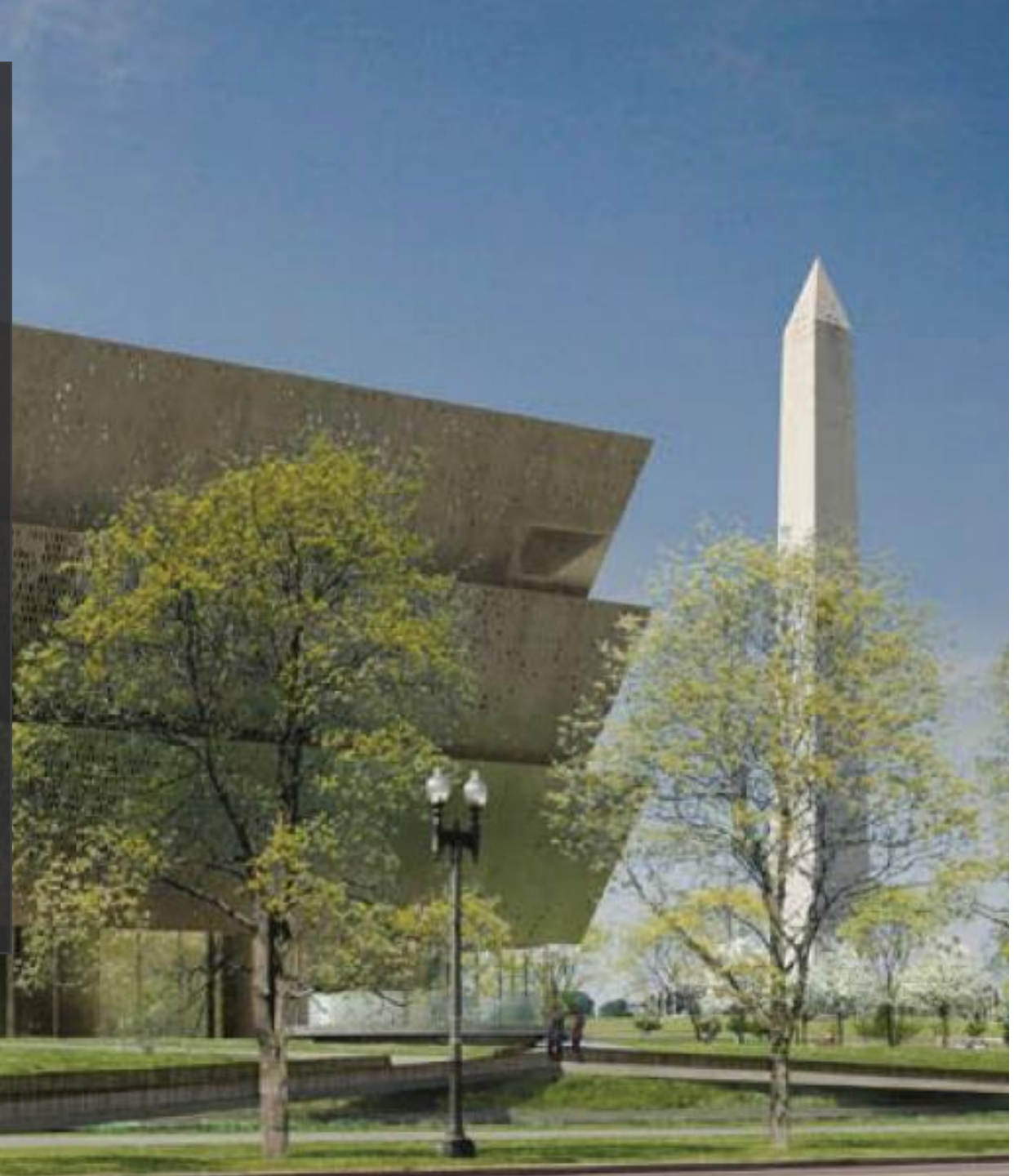


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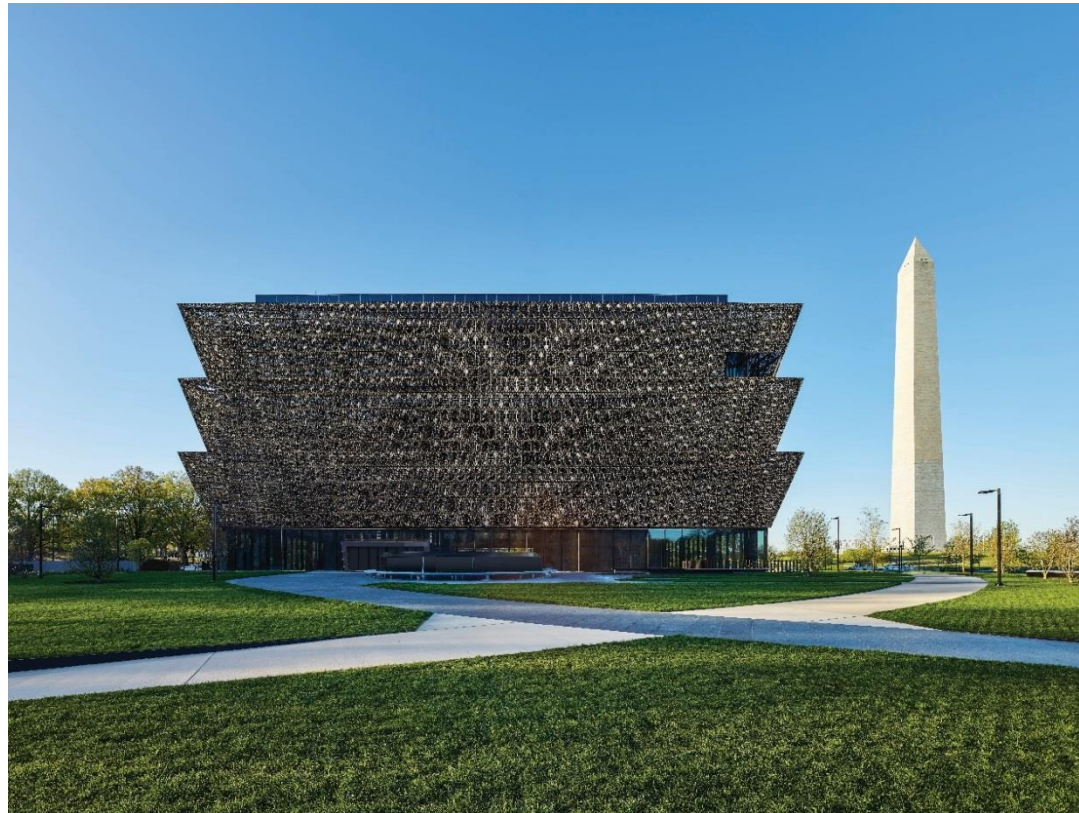
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# Today I will visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture.



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While we are in the museum today we are going to look at African American history through different lenses.

A lens is a clear curved piece of glass or plastic that is used in eyeglasses, cameras, telescopes, etc., that make things look clearer, smaller, or bigger.

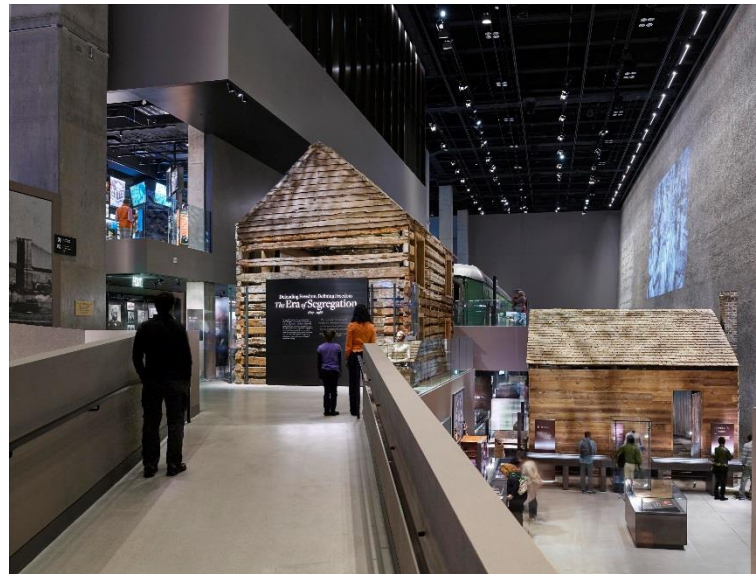
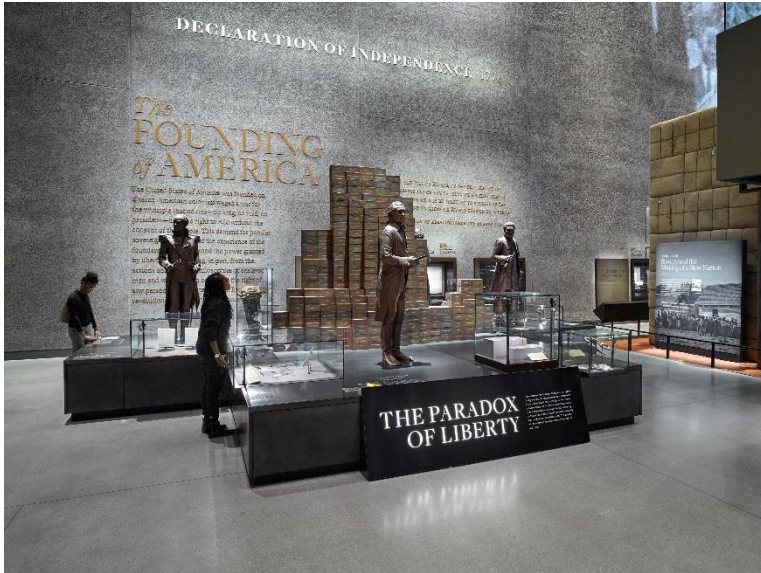
When we say we are going to view something through a different lens, it means we're going to look at in a different way.





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# Today we are going to see the History galleries on C3, C2, and C1.

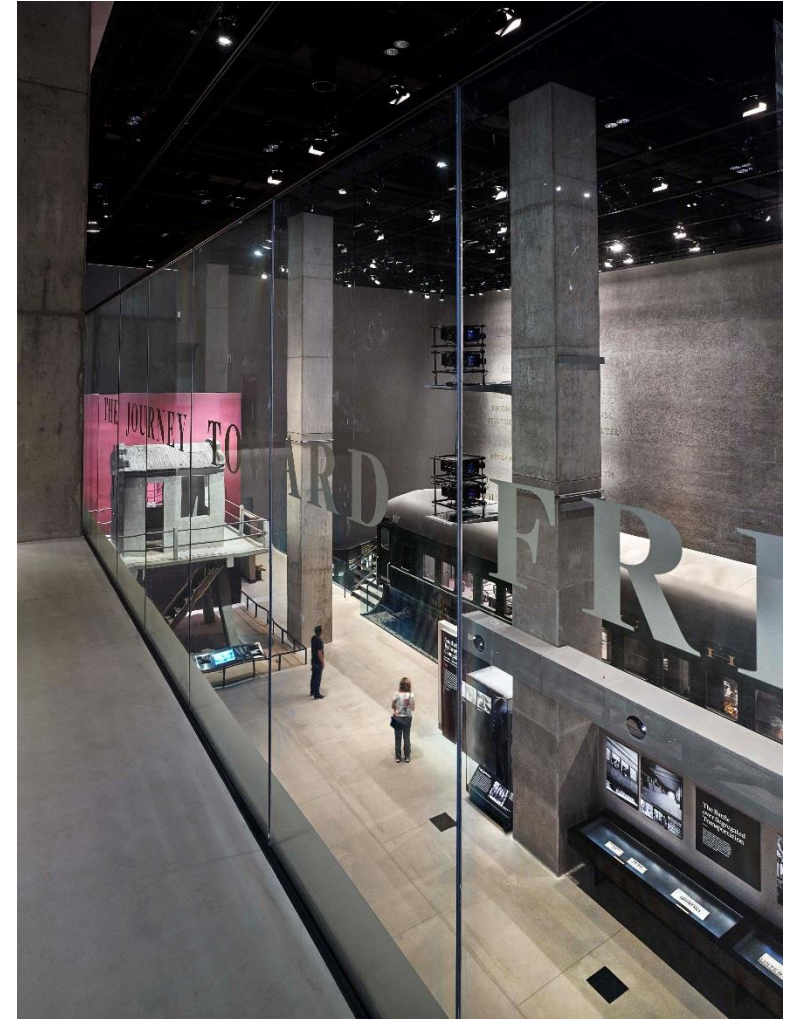


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These galleries will look at American history through the lens of the African American experience from slavery to Reconstruction to civil rights and the present.



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To get to the exhibit, we may go up or down the escalator or we might take the elevator.



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I will stay with my adult and we will wait our turn to use the elevator or escalator. We may also need to stand in line to enter the exhibits.



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We will have to be patient.  
I will use my calming toys if I feel worried.







It is important to stay with my grownup or group as we go through the galleries. The galleries are large and my grownup or group can help me walk from place to place.



If I have a question in the museum, I can also ask a staff member or volunteer for help. They know a lot about the museum and can give visitors information.







Some of the exhibits may make noise. Sometimes it will be people telling a story or music will play. Other times I may hear sound effects like cars or rain. I will remember that these sounds are not real.



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Sometimes the interactive areas will make noise.  
When I come across a video or voice recording, I can  
use my headphones or go to a quieter part of the  
museum.







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There will be some things I am allowed to touch or play with. If I'm not sure, I can ask my grownup or a museum staff person if it is okay.



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Sometimes the museum gets crowded. I may need to wait for my turn. If the wait is too long, I can look at something else and come back later.



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Some of the rooms in the museum are darker than others. These rooms are dark because bright lights can damage the objects. It is important to take care of the objects in the museum.



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*In Slavery and Freedom, I might see the silk lace and linen shawl given to Harriet Tubman by Queen Victoria of England.*



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I may also see the freedom papers and handmade tin carrying box belonging to Joseph Trammell.





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Another thing I might see is this Cabin from Point of Pines Plantation in Charleston County, South Carolina.



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The bible belonging to Nat Turner (1800-1831) is something else I might see in this gallery.

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*In *Defending Freedom*,  
*Defining Freedom*, I might see  
this dress sewn by Rosa  
Parks.*

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Museum of African American History and  
Culture, gift of the Black Fashion Museum  
founded by Lois K. Alexander-Lane.





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Another thing I might see  
are these lunch counter  
stools from the  
Greensboro, North  
Carolina sit-ins in 1960.



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I may also see ten shards of stained glass from a window in the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.



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In the *Defending Freedom, Defining Freedom* there will be a room memorializing Emmett Till, who is pictured on the left with his mother. If I choose to go inside I will be respectful of the sensitive subject matter.





*In A Changing America* I might see this Vietnam tour jacket with Black Panther embroidery.



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Another thing I might see  
is this boombox that was  
carried by Radio Raheem  
in the film *Do the Right  
Thing*.

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I may also see this poster for the first black woman elected to Congress and Presidential candidate Shirley Chisolm.

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This dress that was designed by Tracy Reese and worn by first lady Michelle Obama in connection with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March on Washington in 2013 is something else I may see.

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Culture.



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Today I visited the National Museum of African American History and Culture and learned how to look at communities in a different way. Museums are a great way to learn about different communities.



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A People's Journey.  
A Nation's Story.

