Art plays a vital role at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Paintings, sculptures, works on paper, theater, performance art, fashion, music, etc., allow you to see how artists viewed and interpreted their world. Each piece of art can help us grow our understanding of history.

**Instructions**

- Explore objects and stories around African Americans in the arts.
- Use the map of exhibitions in the Culture Galleries to find where to go.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided.
- When you finish, answer the final question and return to the Welcome Desk in Heritage Hall to receive your stamp.

**Where to Start?**

1. Find three artworks that include gold in the front part of the Visual Arts exhibition. What are their titles?

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   Choose one of your favorite of the three golden artworks and answer the following questions.

   Who created the artwork?

   When was it created?

   What three words would you use to describe the artwork?

2. Find the following items in Cultural Expressions exhibition.

   - Find the statue that the museum building design is inspired by. Where is it from?

   - Find the wooden boat seat from Ecuador. When was it made? What design is on the seat?

   - Find the dress designed by Ann Lowe? In what city did she have her two salons?

Continue your exploration on the back side.
Go to the **Taking the Stage** exhibition. Find the dates for the following objects and then put them in order.

- **Theater:** Ira Aldridge Poster
- **Dance:** Ingrid Silva pointe shoe of Dance Theatre of Harlem
- **Comedy:** Oscar Land, Ventriloquist belonging to Stu Gilliam
- **Film:** Oscar Micheaux Book: *The Homesteader"

Create your timeline here.

Go to the **Musical Crossroads** exhibition. Find objects that fit within the date range. You can choose any object, as long as it fits within the range. We’ve provided some clues for your search.

- **An object from 1850 CE to 1900 CE.** Hint: Look in the Classical and Sacred sections.
- **An object from 1900 CE to 1950 CE.** Hint: Look in Folk, Blues, & Country, Rock and Roll, or Jazz
- **An object from 1950 CE to 1990 CE.** Hint: Look in Hip Hop & Rap, Funk and Dance, or Global Influence
- **An object from 2000 CE to 2015 CE.** Hint: Look in the Neighborhood Record Store

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

You have finished!

Get your stamp from the Welcome Desk in Heritage Hall.

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