

New to Old Town

Gallery Activity

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Target audience: Middle school students

Location: Old Town, 3rd floor Human History Galleries

Activity Description:

Whose stories do you see represented in Old Town? Whose is missing? Imagine you are creating an exhibit in one of the empty storefronts in Old Town. Think from the perspective of a group from BC's history that you do not see currently represented. Describe the new exhibit you imagine.

Lesson Steps

Observe – Think about local histories and key figures who may not be currently represented in the museum. For example, you could consider Judge Begbie, also known as the Hanging Judge, or Chief Maquinna, the Nuu-chah-nulth chief of Nootka Sound. Also consider members of society who did not occupy positions of power. You could also focus on the perspective of a miner's wife reacting to Robert Dunsmuir's decision to fire his workers and hire American miners rather than increase their wages.

Choose – 2–5 artifacts that you would like to highlight as the focal points of your display. For each one, write a description of why you think that artifact is important. For example, a chest that housed all the worldly possessions of a Chinese railroad worker, or some of the possessions they owned might be highlighted here.

Include a written description for each item explaining its historical context and significance.

Object	Description of Significance
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