



Introduction to the Spurlock Museum University of Illinois

What is a Museum?

A museum is a place where the staff collects, takes care of, and educates people about all kinds of different objects.



Most museums call these objects “artifacts.” An artifact is anything made or used by people.





Many museums collect only certain kinds of artifacts. One may have only works of art, like paintings or statues, while another may collect things used by American pioneers.

The Spurlock Museum is a world cultures museum. We collect things from people all over the world, like clothes, musical instruments, dishes, and religious objects.



Some of the objects in our collections are everyday pieces. Others are objects made for special occasions.



It is every museum's job to teach people all about its collections. One of the main ways to do this is by creating exhibits.



At the Spurlock Museum, there are five main galleries, plus a connecting area, called the Central Core, that links them.



The American Indian Gallery



Ancient Mediterranean Gallery



Asian Gallery



European Gallery



African and Middle Eastern Gallery



The Campbell Gallery
is for temporary exhibits.



Play African instruments and explore Mesopotamian cylinder seals in these interactive areas.



We also have an auditorium, where people can see performers, watch movies, or listen to people talk about things in the Museum.



Our Collaboration and Community Gallery is used for classes, workshops, crafts, and other public and University programs.



Educators are
welcome to borrow
artifacts from our
Teaching Collection.



We are open every
day except Monday.

Admission is free.

Everyone is
welcome.

Visit us soon!

