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## The Value of Museums for the Classroom

Education is one of the most commonly recognized assets of museums. They offer a field trip location as well as provide an opportunity for fun, informational class outings. Whether it's art, history, living history, or a combination of them all, museums offer a way for students to get a glimpse into a different world. Here are some ways that kids can benefit from museums.

### Museums Can Encourage a Love of Learning

Some kids find their desire to learn smothered by standard education techniques. [Lecture-based learning](#) works for some, but it just doesn't cut it for others. When classes take field trips to museums, students who struggle with focusing in class, retaining information from lessons, or learning with lectures and notes alone often hugely benefit. Interesting visuals, fun facts, hands-on exhibits, and activities offered by the museum are all great ways to reacquaint students with how fun learning can be.

Museums are also aware of the wide range of learning styles and abilities found among their guests. No matter the student's learning style, there is bound to be an exhibit, activity, or [app](#) that makes the visit worthwhile.

### Museums Preserve the History of a Community

As time passes, [museums](#) help preserve daily life in a given community. A local museum likely contains artifacts from indigenous groups that lived in the area, remnants of European immigrants, and pieces of history unique to the region. This information is great for teaching students the history of their community.

## **Museums Create the Opportunity for Cultural Education**

Most museums have exhibits related to their community's diversity. Traditional works of art, historical artifacts, and documentation of daily life in other cultures are all excellent ways to promote cultural sharing and education. It's an ideal first step to educating students on diversity, a critical aspect of teaching accepting, successful children as well as promoting [intercultural respect](#). Furthermore, these types of exhibits are a wonderful way to inform students about their heritage, potentially maintaining the languages and traditions of the local cultures.

## **Online Options Are Available**

These days, many museums have [virtual offerings](#). For instance, [The Louvre](#), The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and The American Museum of Natural History are all currently offering virtual tours so your children can continue to explore and learn from home. And if you're working from [home](#), these virtual options are a terrific way to keep your kids occupied – or better yet, join them!

At the end of the day, museums have great [community value](#). Especially because they can help schools educate students in a variety of ways that supplement classroom learning, and they offer a way for minority students to learn about their roots. Visits and experiences at nearby museums can even plant a seed for students, which can grow into a long love of history and provide a pivotal moment that puts a student on their eventual career path.

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