



## The Museum Of You

*The Museum of You* is an activity that supports a conversation about museums, values, personal experience and heritage. It can also open up discussions about whose heritage is celebrated by museums and whose story is told. We are interested in how museums can be more responsive to the heritage of visitors, and those who don't currently visit, so that more diverse representations are reflected in a museum visit.

We devised *The Museum of You* workshop based upon a basic "show and tell" principle, that's used widely across the school curriculum, to present the objects and images that are important to pupils, and to learn how these can be framed and annotated to confer them with a value similar to the objects that are presented in museum display cabinets.

*The Museum of You* focuses on each individual pupil, it taps into what is important to them, their words, their object, and provides learning around how to frame and articulate that, so that it can be shared.

### Teachers Notes

Each pupil is asked to bring in a small, palm-sized object or small image that is of personal significance, an item that reflects something about them, their heritage, their place.

Each pupil writes up to 50 words on the history and personal significance of their selection. The writing could include a description of the object, its age, what material it's made of, and the story of why it's important to them, (see template below).

Their small object or image is then framed by a display box to complete their contribution to a *Museum Of You*. The pupils can either make the box out of a sheet of A4 paper (please watch this video for instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdWTJWvSQas>) or simply place their object on a printout of our box template below, on the last page.

*We'd love to see your objects and stories! Share them with us by tagging our Twitter page @NMSEngage using #NationalMuseumOfYou.*

Some examples of pupils' objects  
for *The Museum Of You*:



**Template for a museum-style description**

Title:

Description of the object:

Its age: (best guess)

The material it's made of:

Why it's important to you:

