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Project 2 – Field Trip Reflection

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***Unearthing Hoosier History: A Detailed Itinerary for the Indiana State Museum Visit on October 29th***

1. **Smart Goal:**

I am a student with a passion for history, and whenever I travel somewhere I often visit some of the local museums, here are several compelling reasons to visit the Indiana State Museum during fall break:

-Diverse Exploration of Indiana's History: The Indiana State Museum provides a comprehensive overview of Indiana's history, from prehistoric times to the present. It's a unique opportunity to delve deep into the story of one state within the broader narrative of U.S. history.

-Hands-on Learning: The Indiana State Museum is known for its interactive exhibits. As a student, these hands-on experiences can make history come alive, providing a more immersive understanding than reading from a textbook. At the same time I can improve my English very well.

-Networking Opportunities: Fall break might coincide with seminars, workshops, or gatherings of history enthusiasts at the museum. Attending these could provide opportunities to network with scholars, history buffs, and other students.

**2. Pre-Trip Preparation (Before)**

**a. Research:**

- Familiarize yourself with the main exhibits, special exhibitions, and highlights of the museum.

- Understand the history and significance of the site to make the visit more enriching.

**b. Booking:**

- Check if any tickets or reservations are needed in advance.

- Find out if there are any events or special programs happening on the 29th.

**c. Packing:**

- Carry a small backpack with essentials: water bottle, snacks, camera, portable phone charger, notebook, and pen.

- Wear comfortable shoes suitable for walking.

**d. Transportation:**

- Plan your route to the museum. I plan to leave a day early to visit other places in Indianapolis.

- Check parking facilities if driving. Because my friend and I planned to take the bus to the museum together, we had to agree on a time in advance to set off together.

**3. Day of the Trip (During)**

**The first day:**

-I heard that there will be a football game in Indianapolis on October 28th, so the traffic from Purdue University to Indianapolis may be congested. We can leave a little earlier.

-First, buy some winter clothes in a local shopping mall, taste local specialties, and stay one night in a hotel near the museum.

**The second day:**

**a. Morning:**

- 8:00 AM: Have a hearty breakfast to fuel your day.

- 9:00 AM: Depart from home/accommodation.

- 9:45 AM: Arrive at the Indiana State Museum. Start with the permanent exhibits.

**b. Late Morning to Afternoon:**

- 11:30 AM: Explore the special exhibitions.

- 1:00 PM: Lunch break. Check if the museum has an onsite cafe or find a nearby restaurant.

- 2:00 PM: Visit the Historic Sites. Take guided tours if available.

**c. Late Afternoon to Evening:**

- 4:00 PM: Recap and revisit any exhibits you might have missed or want to explore more.

- 5:00 PM: Visit the museum gift shop for souvenirs or educational materials.

- 5:30 PM: Depart from the museum.

**d. Evening:**

- 7:00 PM: Dine at a local restaurant to complete the experience.

- 9:00 PM: Arrive at campus and return to dormitory to rest.

**4. Post-Trip (After)**

**a. Reflection:**

- Set aside some time to reflect on what I’ve learned and experienced. Maybe I can write a journal entry or share my thoughts with friends or family.

**b. Photo Management:**

- Organize and backup photos taken during the trip. And prepare to record some vlogs about project 2.

- Share selected photos on social media if desired.

**c. Feedback:**

- If I had a particularly good experience with this museum trip, I would definitely consider leaving a review online or recommending the Indiana State Museum to my classmates and friends.

**5. Miscellaneous Tips:**

- Stay hydrated and take breaks as needed.

- Engage with museum staff or tour guides for a more enriching experience. And improve my English speaking skills at the same time.

- Respect museum rules: No flash photography, don't touch exhibits unless allowed, and be mindful of noise levels.