

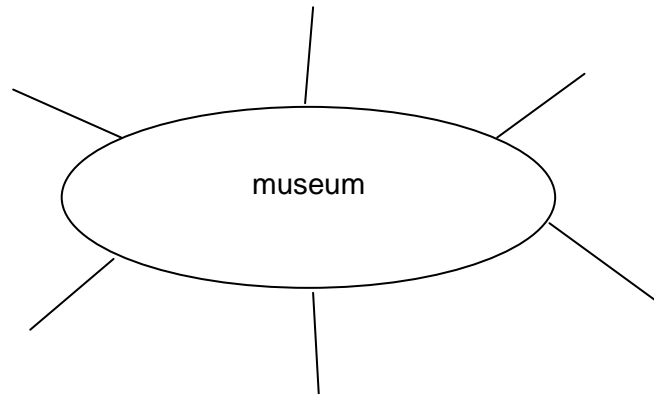
The new National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C.

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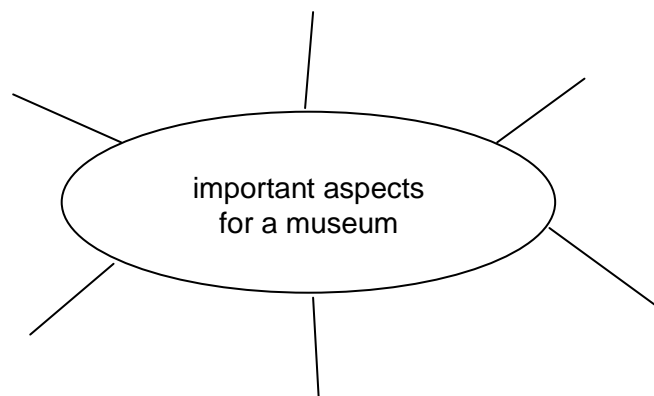
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PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

TASK 1: What do you associate with “museum”? Collect your ideas in a cluster.



TASK 2: Find aspects that you consider important for a museum you would like to visit.



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TASK 3: Describe the following photo.



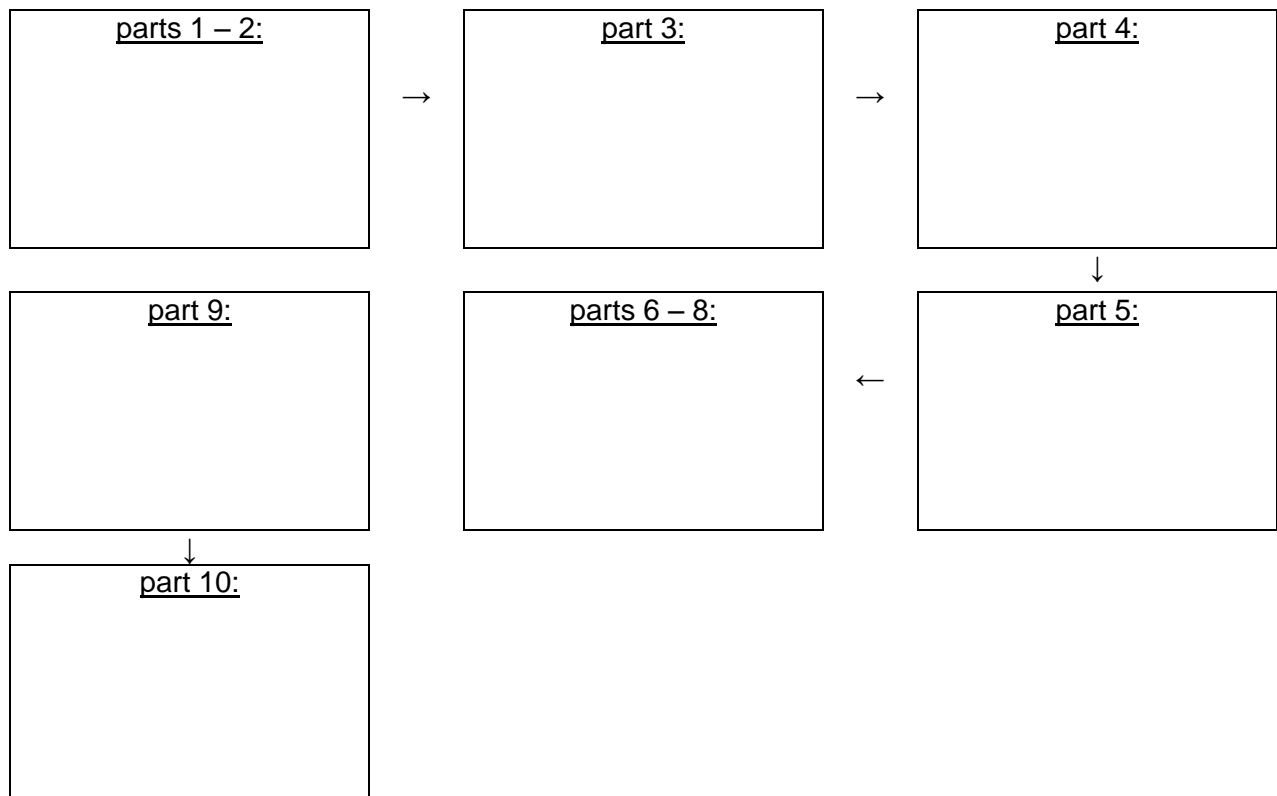
This photo illustrates an article you are going to read. Speculate on what the article will be about.

4. Have a look at the following photo. What does it show? Collect ideas.



COMPREHENSION

TASK 1: Find out the structure of the article by giving a heading to the different parts. Use the structure given below.

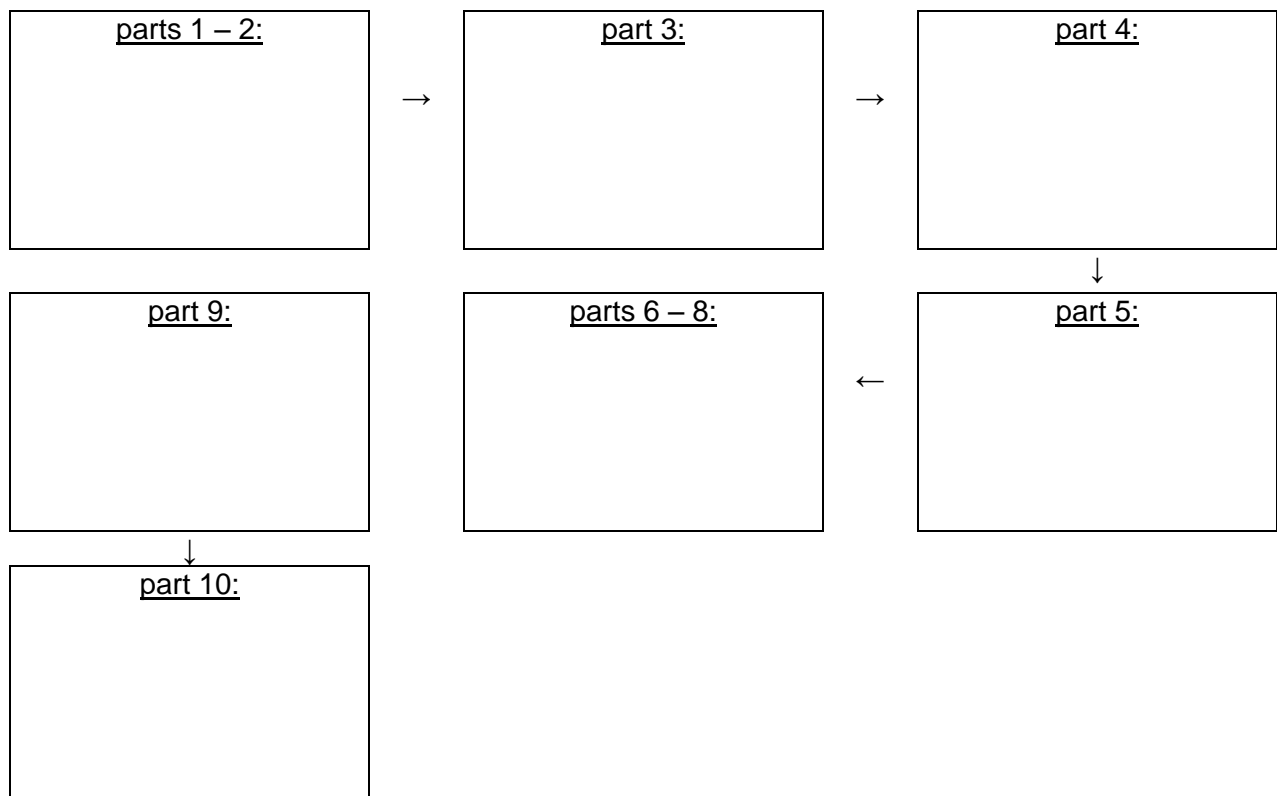


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alternatively:

Find out the structure of the article by matching the headings below to the different parts. Use the structure given below.

admission to the museum – the funding of the museum – the genesis of the museum – the opening of the National Museum of African American History & culture in Washington, D.C – the location and structure of the museum – the restaurant of the museum – what can be seen in the museum



TASK 2: Present the new National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C. by referring to the following aspects.

aims of the museum	
date of opening	
opened by	
structure and colour of the museum	



location of the museum	
financed by	
objects you can see in the museum	
what you can eat in the restaurant	
admission	

TASK 3: Correct the following sentences.

1. John Lewis opened the new National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C.
2. The museum was opened by throwing a bottle of wine at the front door.
3. The first idea for building the museum was put forward in 2003.
4. The museum is located in the U.S. Capitol building.
5. Barack Obama gave a total of \$21 million to finance the museum.
6. You can see about 400,000 artifacts in the museum.
7. The museum tells the story of black people, beginning after the Second World War.
8. There is only a traditional display of objects in the new museum.
9. You can see Muhammed Ali's fedora hat.
10. You can eat burgers and chips in the museum's restaurant.
11. Admission is free for 2016.

TASK 3: Describe what you can see in the new National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C.

or:

Find out what you can see in the new National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C. by ticking the correct items.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Jackson's boxing headgear	<input type="checkbox"/>	photographs
<input type="checkbox"/>	a railway car	<input type="checkbox"/>	shackles
<input type="checkbox"/>	a plane	<input type="checkbox"/>	a slave cabin from North Carolina
<input type="checkbox"/>	documents recording the sale of humans	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oprah Winfrey's donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	a slave-owner's car	<input type="checkbox"/>	a prison guard tower

POST-READING ACTIVITIES

TASK 1: The following photo shows a slave cabin from South Carolina, which was carefully taken apart and then rebuilt in the museum.



Choose one activity:

- Describe a free Sunday for a family who had to live in this cabin.**
- It is 8.00 pm. A family (father, mother, son/daughter) is having dinner in their cabin. Form groups of three students and write their dialogue after a hard working-day.**
- Write a letter to the slave-owner, criticizing the way he treats the slaves.**



TASK 2: Discuss the pros and cons of the new National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C.

TASK 3: Considering your ideas for an interesting museum (cf. pre-reading activity), comment on whether the new museum in Washington D.C. is a museum you would like to visit.

TASK 4: Find out what “soul food” is and give a short presentation.

- I. Form groups of 3 students.
- II. Choose a topic and prepare a presentation.
- III. You will find help here: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/lifestyle/national-museum-of-african-american-history-and-culture/guided-tour/>

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ANSWER KEY

COMPREHENSION

TASK 1:

- parts 1–2: the opening of the National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C
- part 3: the genesis of the museum
- part 4: location and structure of the museum
- part 5: the funding of the museum
- parts 6–8: what can be seen in the museum
- part 9: the restaurant of the museum
- part 10: admission to the museum

TASK 2:

aims of the museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helping to tell a richer and fuller story of who the blacks are • showing the long and difficult journey of African-Americans out of slavery and towards equality
date of opening	September 2016
opened by	Barack Obama and a 99-year-old woman whose father was a slave
structure and colour of the museum	The structure is covered in metal panels, giving it a dark brown colour.
location of the museum	in a large park in the middle of the city
financed by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the government (\$270 million) • throughout donations (e. g. Oprah Winfrey: \$21 million, companies)
objects you can see in the museum	shackles, photographs, documents recording the sale of humans, Michael Jackson's fedora hat, Muhammed Ali's boxing headgear, a railway car, a plane, a prison guard tower
what you can eat in the restaurant	soul food, dishes popular in African-American communities, grits, fried chicken, collard greens, sweet potato pies
admission	free



TASK 3:

1. **Barack Obama** opened the new National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C.
2. The museum was opened by **ringing a bell from an 18th century African-American church.**
3. The first idea for building the museum was put forward **around 100 years ago.**
4. The museum is located in **a large park in the middle of the city.**
5. **Oprah Winfrey** gave a total of \$21 million to finance the museum.
6. You can see about **40,000** artifacts in the museum.
7. The museum tells the story of black people, beginning with **African slavery.**
8. There **are also multimedial presentations throughout the museum.**
9. You can see Muhammed Ali's boxing headgear. or: You can see **Michael Jackson's** fedora hat.
10. Admission is free.

TASK 4:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Jackson's headgear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	photographs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a railway car	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	shackles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a plane	<input type="checkbox"/>	a slave cabin from North Carolina
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