

# ACTIVITY SHEET



## UNDERSTANDING AND BUILDING OUR WORLD AND OUR STORIES TOGETHER

At the McCord Stewart Museum, we use objects, stories, and shared experiences to help our visitors better understand the world around them, no matter their age or background. With our participatory approach and civic perspective, we prioritize observation, questions, and dialogue in our virtual activities.

### INDIGENOUS VOICES OF TODAY KNOWLEDGE, TRAUMA, RESILIENCE GUIDED TOUR

**Length:** 60 minutes

**Target audience:** All audiences

**Educational areas:** Social sciences – Personal development – Ethics and religion – History and civilizations – Art history – Religious studies – Sociology – Philosophy – Indigenous studies – Literature – Arts and letters

### DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

The primary purpose of this visit is to create an encounter with Indigenous peoples to give visitors the sense that they are truly engaged and spark dialogue, contributing to a better mutual understanding. The tour brings to light all the largely unrecognized knowledge of Indigenous peoples, the deep wounds they carry today, and their inspiring resilience. Objects from the Museum's Indigenous Cultures collection and powerful and inspiring words from members of Québec's 11 First Nations highlight a new and contemporary understanding of Indigenous realities.

### STRATEGIES

#### Preschool and school

Observation  
Exploration  
Reinvention

#### Adult

Observation  
Independent exploration  
Questioning and discussion  
Listening

### ATTITUDES DEVELOPED

Self-awareness – Curiosity – Intercultural perspective

## **MAJOR THEMES**

### **Transforming the world**

Humans have always wanted to control their environment by creating machines, devices, objects and new techniques. These inventions enrich our daily lives and transform our relationship to the world.

### **Open-mindedness**

In the effervescence of large city centres, cultures mix, and ways of living, being and doing are enriched. From this diversity emerges curiosity that becomes the source of renewed dialogue.

### **Growing up and aging**

The human experience is built around essential life steps: being born, growing up, aging and dying. Because our contributions to community life are different in each step, it is important to establish an intergenerational dialogue so individuals can each contribute to the best of their abilities.