

# **Become a Museum Curator**

The job of a museum curator is a particularly interesting one. Curators are responsible for collecting objects for their museum and then placing the pieces on display. Sounds pretty easy, right? Well, there is much more involved as you will soon see.

You are going to assume the role of a museum curator by completing three activities that are involved with your trip to the Money Museum. The first activity will be completed **before** your trip to the Money Museum. The second activity will be worked on at the museum during your trip and the final activity will be completed **after** you have left the museum and returned back to your classroom.

#### **ACTIVITY 1:** To be completed before your trip.

Pick three items from home that you are especially fond of and list them in the space provided. Explain why you like each item. Tell who the owner of the item is (for example: you, your entire family, a parent or grandparent). List how old the item is and explain why the item has value (**Hint:** not all items have monetary value. An item may have value because it has an interesting story or brings back a special memory. This is called *sentimental* or *historical value*.)

#### ITEM 1

- 1. Tell what the item is and describe it.
- 2. Why is the item important to you? Why do you like it?
- 3. Who owns the item?
- 4. How old is the item?
- 5. What makes the item valuable?

### ITEM 2

- 1. Tell what the item is and describe it.
- 2. Why is the item important to you? Why do you like it?
- 3. Who owns the item?
- 4. How old is the item?
- 5. What makes the item valuable?

## ITEM 3

- 1. Tell what the item is and describe it.
- 2. Why is the item important to you? Why do you like it?
- 3. Who owns the item?
- 4. How old is the item?
- 5. What makes the item valuable?

# **CONCLUSION:** Please answer the following questions.

1. Which item is your favorite? Why?

2. What do your items have in common with one another?



