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International Museum Day

1977 年，国际博物馆协会为促进全球博物馆事业的健康发展，吸引社会公众对博物馆事业的关注和参与，向全世界宣告 1977 年 5 月 18 日为第一个国际博物馆日，并每年为国际博物馆日确定活动主题。学了这个单元，你会对博物馆有更多的了解。

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*N*ight at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian is a funny movie.

I really like the idea behind this movie. In the movie, statues of famous people in history come to life. WHAT would REALLY happen if Einstein, Napoleon, Lincoln, the Wright brothers, Rodin's *The Thinker* and Amelia Earhart were all alive today and all were in the same room? An interesting premise.

International Museum Day is May 18th. In honor of International Museum Day, every English teacher in China should show a small clip of *Night at the Museum* in their classes. This movie is both educational and fun.

Do you have a favorite museum?

When I was a kid I would go to the Art Institute of Chicago. It is the place where famous painter Georgia O'Keeffe studied. A few of her works are displayed there. Many of the world-famous masterpieces are in their permanent collection in it including *Nighthawks* by Edward Hopper, *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* by Georges Seurat, *American Gothic* by Grant Wood, *The Bedroom* by Vincent van Gogh and *The Old Guitarist* by Pablo Picasso.

The Ernest Hemingway Museum is another favorite of mine. You can also tour his childhood home located right next to the museum in suburban Chicago. If you don't fancy this museum, you can go to the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum in Key West, Florida, where the great author lived and wrote for more than 10 years.



Tips

作者用设问的方式单独成段，自问自答，引起读者的注意，启发思考，同时突出要表达的内容，使文章层次分明，结构清晰，富有变化。文章后半部分，作者运用祈使句单独成段，也起到了类似的效果。

The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam is also one of my favorites. An unrecognized genius in his lifetime, van Gogh painted and sketched hundreds of works of art during his 37 years of life. Now evidence of genius is everywhere on puzzles, place mats, pens, baseball caps and coffee mugs. Van Gogh once said, “Someday my sketches will be worth the price of the paper I draw on.” Yes, Vincent’s dream has come true. One of van Gogh’s most famous paintings *Irises* sold for \$53.9 million at an auction in 1987. In 2016, EVERY van Gogh painting sells for millions of dollars.



Let me tell you about my favorite museum in China.

I am a lucky man. My favorite museum in China is right on my college campus—the Museum of Ethnic Cultures. I find this museum utterly fascinating. I have probably been there 20 times. I knew little or nothing about China’s 56 ethnic groups before visiting this hidden gem in Beijing. It is very easy to spend an hour JUST IN ONE ROOM OF THE MUSEUM.

There is a new museum in China for sports fans—the Stephon Marbury Museum! The beloved former NBA star is not just any star in the CBA. He has helped bring three CBA championships to his Beijing Ducks, a professional basketball team based in Beijing. The newly opened museum in Beijing chronicles the life and times of his years with Minnesota Timberwolves, New York Knicks and other NBA teams. He is also a pillar of the Chinese community in his free time. Marbury donates his time and money helping kids with disabilities with United Family-Marbury Program for Youth Rehabilitation at Beijing United Family Healthcare.

So, see you at the museum!

Word Bank

come to life 苏醒

premise *n.* 前提

in honor of 纪念

clip *n.* (电影或电视节目的) 片段

masterpiece *n.* 杰作, 名作

permanent *adj.* 长久的, 永久的

collection *n.* (一批) 收藏品

suburban *adj.* 郊区的

fancy *v.* 喜欢

sketch *v.* 画速写, 画素描

n. 素描

place mat 餐垫

auction *n.* 拍卖(会)

utterly *adv.* 完全地, 十足地

beloved *adj.* 钟爱的

championship *n.* 冠军称号, 冠军地位

chronicle *v.* 按时序记载

pillar *n.* 栋梁, 核心

disability *n.* 伤残, 残障

rehabilitation *n.* 康复

Culture Notes

- ① **Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian:** 《博物馆奇妙夜2》。该片是20世纪福克斯电影公司出品的奇幻喜剧片, 于2009年在美国上映。
- ② **Georgia O'Keeffe:** 乔治娅·奥基夫。美国杰出女画家, 20世纪的艺术大师之一, 以半抽象半写实的绘画手法闻名。她的作品被誉为20世纪20年代美国艺术的经典代表。她的绘画作品主题相当具有特色, 多为花朵微观、岩石肌理、海螺、动物骨头、荒凉的美国内陆景观等。
- ③ **Stephon Marbury:** 斯蒂芬·马布里。前美国职业篮球运动员, 2011—2012赛季加盟北京金隅男篮。“马布里之家”博物馆位于北京, 是中国体育史上首个属于运动员个人的博物馆。“马布里之家”占地面积约为300平方米, 展厅分为产品售卖区、参观展示区、球迷观赛区和合影区四部分。

Do & Explore

Let's get it!

- 1** The author mentions several museums in the article. Complete the following table according to the article.

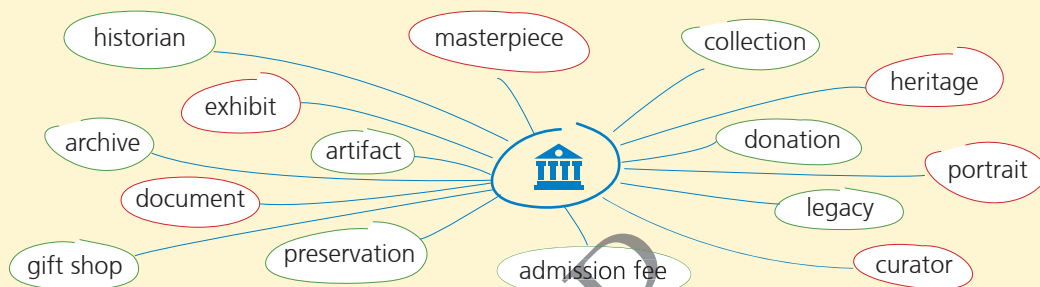
The Art Institute of Chicago	It is situated in 1) _____. There are 2) _____ masterpieces in it, such as <i>The Old Guitarist</i> by Pablo Picasso.
The Ernest Hemingway Museum	You can visit his 3) _____ home 4) _____ right next to the museum.
The 5) _____ Museum	Located in 6) _____, the museum exhibits the 7) _____ created by van Gogh during his 8) _____ years of life.
The Museum of Ethnic Cultures	The museum displays the various cultures of China's 9) _____.
The 10) _____ Museum	The museum is about Marbury, a former 11) _____ star. It is a new and attractive place for 12) _____.

- 2** Answer the following questions according to the article.

- 1) When is the International Museum Day?
- 2) What was Vincent van Gogh's dream? Has it come true?
- 3) What is the author's favorite museum in China and why?
- 4) What are you going to do when the next International Museum Day comes?

Let's learn it!

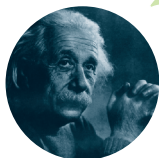
Look at the following words and phrases related to "museum". Tick (✓) the ones you already know. For those you don't know, look them up in the dictionary. Then write down their Chinese meanings and make sentences with them.



e.g. *masterpiece*: 杰作 *This painting is his masterpiece.*

Let's go deeper!

- 1 There are some famous historical figures mentioned by the author in the movie *Night at the Museum*. How much do you know about them? Complete the following profiles of the historical figures. The first one is already done for you.



Albert Einstein

He is a world-famous physicist.
He won the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics.



Napoleon Bonaparte

Auguste Rodin



Amelia Earhart



- 2 Have you ever been to any Chinese museums? Which one do you like and why? Could you make a postcard of a Chinese museum? You could follow the steps below:

- Choose a typical picture of the museum.
- Design a logo or slogan for the museum.
- Write down your words and send the postcard to your best friend!



- 3 When it comes to museum, we always think it's serious. In recent years, museum culture has been combined with business and become popular among people. Look at the following goods produced by the Palace Museum.



fan



phone holder



bookmark



back cushion

Discuss in groups whether it is an appropriate way to treat history and culture, and complete the thought bubbles.

POSITIVE
FACTORS

NEGATIVE
FACTORS



Let's read more!

China National Film Museum —a film buff's fantasy



China National Film Museum is the world's largest professional museum at present. Founded in 2005, it is located in the northeast of Beijing. The facade itself looks like a giant screen. In this four-storied museum, there are twenty halls for exhibitions and six auditoriums for showing films.

For the exhibition, the second floor focuses on the history of Chinese cinema. Here visitors are led through different periods in the development of the Chinese cinema. The third floor covers different genres of films: animated, children's, science and educational, news and documentaries. The top floor is an expo area illustrating different techniques in all aspects of filmmaking, including shooting, editing, film arts, music composing, special effects and film developing. Here visitors can have a try and make their own short films and participate in the process of film editing. In the special effects hall, pay 10 *yuan* to buy yourself a ride on a motorcycle or carpet.

The museum has the world's latest film projection system and equipment. Among the six auditoriums, one is an IMAX theater, also called the "Giant Screen". From time to time, screenings and other activities take place in the museum. In the museum library, there is an impressive collection of some 1,500 films and 4,300 stills and posters, featuring 450 different filmmakers.

