

A Tale of Two Philadelphia Museums

The National Constitution Center and the National Liberty Museum are must see stops during a visit to Philadelphia. Both museums give visitors an excellent opportunity to explore what freedom means in America and the world today. This activity is designed to help visitors to the National Constitution Center and the National Liberty Museum compare and contrast the physical aspects of the museums as well as the exhibitions displayed. For example, the National Constitution Center is huge with large, open space, and the National Liberty Museum is much smaller with more compact areas.

DIRECTIONS: Read this worksheet over by yourself or with a teacher or parent before you tour both museums. You may want to complete this worksheet as you progress through the exhibits at both museums or complete it when you are finished with your tours.

	<i>NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER</i>	<i>NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM</i>
When you look at each museum from the outside, what is the same? What is different?		
What was your reaction when you walked into each museum? In other words, how did the design of each museum make you feel?		
Based on what you saw of the exterior and what you first saw when you went in, what did you expect to see in the rest of the museum?		
Did you see what you expected to see inside of each museum? Why or why not?		

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What are three things that are the same or similar about the exhibits at each museum? Why?		
What are three things that are different about the exhibits at each museum? Why?		
Which museum's exhibits did you prefer? Why?		
What was your favorite thing about each of the museums? Why?		

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