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## **The Smithsonian at your Fingertips: Learn about the Smithsonian Institution's Digital Educational Resources**

### **Description:**

The Smithsonian Learning Lab (<https://learninglab.si.edu/>) is an award-winning interactive platform that provides digital tools and resources to help educators access Smithsonian resources, customize learning experiences, and create meaningful connections to our museum artifacts from anywhere in the world. It offers free digital access to millions of Smithsonian artworks, artifacts, specimens, recordings, learning activities, and teaching materials for the PK-12 classroom from across the Smithsonian's 21 museums, education and research centers, and the National Zoo. Learn how you, too, can incorporate the Smithsonian Institution's digital educational materials in and out of the classroom to benefit your child, yourself, and your community.

Thank you for attending our presentation! We hope that the content and presentation were helpful in providing you with opportunities to connect with the Smithsonian's digital educational resources. In order to continue supporting you and your community, we have compiled a list of resources referenced in the presentation and additional resources to explore on your own. Please feel free to contact Philippa Rappoport, Lead for Education and Engagement at the Smithsonian Office of Educational Technology, if you have any additional questions. [learninglab@si.edu](mailto:learninglab@si.edu)

### **Educational Resources:**

There are many websites at the Smithsonian that are entry points to access our resources. The highlighted text are hyperlinks to the websites.

1. [Smithsonian Institution](#)
  - a. This website provides access to a general search of artifacts that you quickly view and learn more about.
2. [Learn with the Smithsonian](#)
  - a. In order to locate information specifically organized by learning opportunities visit this site.
  - b. If you are looking for a specific museum's resources, that information lives on each museum's education website.
3. Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage: [Masters of Tradition](#)
  - a. If you are interested in learning about folklife and cultural heritage artists, artifacts, and resources visit this site.
4. 3D Digitization: [Smithsonian 3D](#)
  - a. If you have ever gone to a museum and wish you could pick up an item and turn it around and learn more, this is the site for you and your curious students/children.
5. Don't forget about the Zoo
  - a. National Zoo: [Explore Beyond Your Door Nature Walk Series](#)
6. National Museum of American History: [Cooking Up History](#)
  - a. Whether you are an avid cook or not, the National Museum of American History can pique your curiosity in learning more about culinary history.



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7. **Smithsonian Learning Lab**
  - a. If you are ready to move from searching for resources, to interacting, please visit the award-winning Smithsonian Learning Lab.
  - b. To get started click the sunburst at the top right corner to create an account (you can also search for materials without an account if you prefer). After registration, this will continue to be a live link to your menu.

*Smithsonian Learning Lab Activity Collections and Resources:*

- a. **Arbots**
- b. **Engineering Flight**
- c. **Hirshhorn Kids Make It** series
- d. **National Portrait Gallery**, see Early Learners
- e. **National Postal Museum**, see Early Learners
- f. **Smithsonian Kids**
  - Interested in finding additional resources for early childhood, visit this site to access resources created from collaborations of early childhood educators from across the Smithsonian.
- g. Each museum has their own profile page on the Learning Lab, providing another way to engage with their artifacts and resources.
- h. **Learning Lab Help Page** includes step-by-step instructions to use the Lab, as well as archived webinar playlists to aid educators in using museum content for learning, including **Cultivating Learning** and **Easy PZ with the Smithsonian**.

### **Connect and Support the Smithsonian and the Smithsonian Learning Lab**

Did you know that the Smithsonian is only partially funded by the federal government and the rest comes from community support from people like you? We are honored to have the responsibility of connecting our shared cultural heritage with the wider community, but that connection can only be made possible with your support.

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