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Museum Launches Online Resource for Remote Learners

Columbia, MO — The Museum of Art and Archaeology is pleased to launch its revised Museum in Thirty Objects learning resource to support teachers, parents, and students during this time of uncertainty and change.

“Now, more than ever, we need the Museum as a center for learning critical inquiry,” states Alex Barker, Museum of Art and Archaeology director. “As schools close and students work remotely, museums become places for shared experiences, for community.” Museum in Thirty Objects is designed to highlight a variety of objects and artwork in the Museum’s encyclopedic collection. Each structured module includes guiding questions for discussion and reflection, information about the object and artist, connecting information about the object’s context and social history, links to lesson plans, and additional resources for further study.

“The Museum’s website: https://maa.missouri.edu/ also gives the public access to not just these thirty objects, but a range of online exhibitions, as well as the entire collection of over 16,000 objects through its searchable Argus database. Viewers can gain information as well as see photographs of the objects. “Looking at an object online will never replace seeing it in person,” states Bruce Cox, assistant director of operations for the Museum, “but it keeps us connected to the art and history that enriches our humanity.”

The Museum invites visitors to tour us online and discover or rediscover the excitement of the art and artifacts in our irreplaceable collections. Education never stops regardless of our circumstances. Join us and explore new places, sites, and art from the distant past to the present day.