



StEPS-UT COLLECTIONS MODULE

Introduction to Stewardship of Collections

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY #1 = 25 minutes

What Do You Collect?

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Work on your own.
 - 2) Use the first space below to write what your museum collects (2 minutes).
 - 3) Use the second space below to answer what your museum mission is (2 minutes).
 - 4) Turn sheet over. Reflect on and answer the questions there (10 minutes).
 - 5) Regroup for large group discussion (10 minutes).
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TELL US WHAT YOU COLLECT:

Use this space to write what your museum collects (2 minutes).

TELL US YOUR MUSEUM'S MISSION:

Use this space to write down your museum's mission statement (2 minutes).

REFLECTIONS (10 minutes)

Was this easy? Why or why not?

Was what you wrote true?

Are there things in your museum's collection that do not fit your statement?

Are parts of your statement underrepresented by your collection or not represented at all?

Would other people at your museum, or museum visitors, describe the collections differently? Would they agree with you or not? Why?

Source: AASLH StEPs Curriculum, *Building a Meaningful Collection*