



StEPS-UT COLLECTIONS MODULE Introduction to Stewardship of Collections

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY #2 = 30 minutes Significance Assessment

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Divide into three groups (mix of museums in each group) and claim your three objects per group.
 - 2) Review below the Mission and Scope of Collections for the Animal Toy Museum (5 minutes).
 - 3) Using the questions below, evaluate the significance of the three objects provided from the Toy Animal Museum. You may want to divide up your 3 objects within your group (15 minutes).
 - 4) Regroup for discussion of issues identified (10 minutes).
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ANIMAL TOY MUSEUM

- **MISSION:** The Animal Toy Museum is dedicated to celebrating the joy and wonder which animal toys bring to young children and through their interaction teach these children the importance of protecting animals.
- **SCOPE OF COLLECTION:** The Animal Toy Museum collects all stuffed toys representing endangered or extinct animal species.

DETERMINE SIGNIFICANCE

For the object in front of you:

- 1) What is this object?
- 2) Where did it come from?
- 3) How old is it?
- 4) How was it made?
- 5) Who made it / owned it / used it?
- 6) What condition is the object in?
- 7) What does this object mean to you?
- 8) Who might this object be important to?
- 9) Is this object unique in any way?
- 10) How is this object relevant to the collection? List 5 ways you might use it in the museum.