



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM  
AT DEALEY PLAZA

## HISTORY MUSEUM EXPLORERS PATCH



The History Museum Explorers Patch is a progressive patch. All Girl Scouts must first complete the questions using critical thinking to discover what a museum is and connect with their communities as they learn the history of the local museums in our council jurisdiction. Girl Scouts should complete the starred question and four others of their choice. Once that portion of the patch is completed, the base and top star of the flag pole may be purchased at any GSNEX shop. Then Girl Scouts may choose which of the seven participating museums they would like to visit to earn the corresponding flag pennant and flag pole to build the progressive patch. Girl Scouts may earn only one or up to seven of the flag pennants and poles.

- ★ 1. What is a museum?  
American Association of Museums – [aam-us.org/aboutmuseums](http://aam-us.org/aboutmuseums)
2. Why might you choose to go to a museum? What will you discover when you get there?
3. Museums offer many kinds of jobs, including curators, docents, archivists, registrars, preparators, conservators, educators, interpreters and historians. Explore three of these museum jobs that are new to you and learn more about them.
4. What is proper museum etiquette?  
Bella Online – [bellaonline.com/articles/art59100.asp](http://bellaonline.com/articles/art59100.asp)  
Greenberg, David T. *Don't Forget Your Etiquette! The Essential Guide to Misbehavior*  
New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006  
Midwest Museum of Natural History – [mmnh.org](http://mmnh.org)
5. How do museums tell stories?
6. Research the history of a Dallas museum listed here. Why is this museum located in Dallas (instead of another city)? Would this museum “fit” in another city or state? Why or why not?  
African American Museum Dallas – [aamdallas.org](http://aamdallas.org)  
Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park – [dallasheritagevillage.org](http://dallasheritagevillage.org)  
The Dallas Historical Society – [dallashistory.org](http://dallashistory.org)  
Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance – [dallasholocaustmuseum.org](http://dallasholocaustmuseum.org)  
Frontiers of Flight Museum – [flightmuseum.com](http://flightmuseum.com)  
The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture – [oldred.org](http://oldred.org)  
The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza – [jfk.org](http://jfk.org)
7. Many museums are associated with a historic landmark. A historic landmark is a building or site that is officially recognized and protected for its historical significance. Research a Dallas museum that is associated with a historic landmark. Why is that Dallas building or site worth protecting?

- 8.** Did you know that if you cannot visit a museum, you can visit online by taking a virtual tour or exploring an online exhibit? Connect with a museum by taking a virtual tour of a museum or explore an online exhibit.  
Some examples:

Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art – [picturebookart.org/Visit/Virtual\\_Tour](http://picturebookart.org/Visit/Virtual_Tour)

CIA Museum – [cia.gov/about-cia/cia-museum](http://cia.gov/about-cia/cia-museum)

Dallas Historical Society – [hallofstate.com/tour/tour\\_map.htm](http://hallofstate.com/tour/tour_map.htm)

Lower Eastside Tenement Museum – [tenement.org/Virtual-Tour/index\\_virtual.html](http://tenement.org/Virtual-Tour/index_virtual.html)

Smithsonian Museum of American History – [americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions](http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions)