

Incoming 8th Grade Science Summer Assignment: Visit the AMNH

Visit the American Museum of Natural History in NYC at some point during the summer. Please note the museum has a *suggested donation* for general admission. There is no minimum required donation. While at the museum, take notes on at least two exhibits of your choice that you find interesting. When you return home, write a one page summary explaining what you observed. This one page summary is what you will turn in to your teachers in September. You may choose to write about just one exhibit or two or more exhibits as part of your summary.

Some interesting exhibits you may want to visit that are included in general admission:

- Hall of Human Evolution: Six Million Years of Ancestry
- Hall of Planet Earth
- Hall of Minerals (may be closed this summer for renovations)
- Hall of Saurischian Dinosaurs
- Hall of Ornithischian Dinosaurs
- Hall of Biodiversity: Abundance of Life on Earth
- Hall of Ocean Life

If your family is not in NYC for the summer, you may be able to find a natural history museum in whatever city you are near and write your one page summary on an exhibit from that museum. For example, Chicago is home to the world famous Chicago Field Museum that is very much worth a visit.

If visiting a natural history museum is, for whatever reason, not possible for your family (again, please note that general admission to the museum is a *suggested donation*), you may choose instead to watch a nature documentary and write a one page summary of the documentary.