A Complex State

How do historians get an accurate picture of the past? What is my bias? You might think about such things as your age, favorite subject in school, or religion.

Possible answers to first question:
Put aside biases, collect information from a variety of sources, look for patterns, etc.

Additional answers will vary

Idaho Impact

How do you want to IMPACT Idaho or the World? -OR- How has Idaho made an IMPACT on you? You might think about your family history, your community, happy or sad times, etc.

Answers will vary

Field Guide

Explorers Wanted!

How much do you know about Idaho, this region, its history, its resources, or perhaps even your own story? Maybe you’re just passing through and you enjoy learning about new places. Whatever has brought you here, prepare for an exciting and informative adventure as you explore the WAY OUT WEST!

Use this Field Guide to explore the exhibit. Keep your eyes peeled for the “bigger picture” as you search for the close up picture of an artifact from each gallery. There is a place to label each artifact when you find it, then use the guided questions for each gallery to help you explore the stories that make Idaho unique and connected at the same time.

Be thinking of this prompt as you explore the exhibit and record your thoughts here and in the additional space provided on the last page.

When I saw __________, I felt __________

Answers will vary
Idaho Origins

Is it bone? Displayed in the exhibit and pictured below are pieces of bone from ancient bison. One fragment is a pottery shard. Can you tell which one it is? What observations lead you to your answer?

Observations:

Answers will vary

Out of the Rocks

Use the hotspot interactive activity (located between the Swan and the Mountain Lion) to find one fact that surprised or interested you in the “Did you know?” explosive facts. Write it here:

Magnetite Lodestone

Answers will vary

Regional Roots

Choose one photo that you really like from the Photo Explorer (located at the far end of Eagle Rock, USA) and analyze it here. When, why and where was it taken? What do you like about it?

Answers will vary

Into Nature

Find the Yellow-Bellied Marmots. What do you think they are saying to each other? (You can be silly or realistic with your captions.) Use the two speech bubbles below.

Answers will vary

People and Place

What would you take with you? Look at the various artifacts that people brought West with them. What drove their choices? Choose a sentimental item you would take and draw or describe it here.

Answers will vary

(Big Horn Sheep) skull in Grey Wolf case

Spurs

Henry’s Rock