

ACTIVITY (Mark with X): CLASS X

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: English

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reading Comprehension

**Objective: to assess students' abilities to:**

Read and answer questions from a text to show understanding of it.

Describe in a simple way a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text.

**Let's go to the museum.****Read the text and answer the questions:**

### The British Museum.

Sir Hans Sloane collected everything: rare books and pictures, precious stones, stuffed animals, birds, butterflies, ancient things. He was a great collector. He died in 1753 and the King bought his collection for £20,000. This was the beginning of the British Museum. It was opened to the public in 1759 and was the first public museum. The British Museum is a treasure house of old, interesting and magnificent objects collected all over the world. A winged lion is the heaviest exhibit in the museum. It weighs 16 tons. The tallest exhibit is the totem pole which is 11 meters high. The stone tools from Africa are the oldest exhibits. They are more than a million years old. The British museum has a rare Roman silver mirror. There are about half a million coins in the British Museum. You can also admire beautiful vases, amphorae, pots made with white porcelain from China, Greece and other countries. Today, the British Museum has grown to become one of the largest museums in the world, covering an area of over 92,000 m<sup>2</sup> (990,000 sq. ft.). There are nearly one hundred galleries open to the public, representing 2 miles (3.2 km) of exhibition space. The Museum's major building project is the World Conservation and Exhibitions Centre. This project was announced in July 2017 and was expected for completion by 2013.

## Questions

**1. Writing response:**

Who started the collection which grew into the British Museum?

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**2. Writing response:**

When was the museum opened to public?

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**3. Writing response:**

What things can you find there?

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**4. Writing response:**

What is the area of this museum?

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**5. Writing response:**

How many galleries are opened to public?

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**6. Writing response:**

What was one of the major projects of the British Museum?

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(Adapted from [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org), en wikipedia.org)