

Read the poem about looking at pictures in a museum.

Museum

by Felice Holman



Pictures on the wall
look into lives
back when
I was not
5 anyone at all.
They smile
frown
play chess
walk to town
10 pat heads
of children
see them
to their beds.
They seem so real
15 and near
but they are fixed there
on the wall
and I am
here.

Read the poem about a mummy that is displayed in a museum.

Mummy

by Myra Cohn Livingston



So small a thing
This mummy lies,
Closed in death
Red-lidded eyes,
5 While, underneath
The swaddled clothes,
Brown arms, brown legs
Lie tight enclosed.
What miracle
10 If he could tell
Of other years
He knew so well;
What wonderment
To speak to me
15 The riddle of
His history.

Museums contain many interesting objects. Read the two poems about museums. Then answer the questions that follow.

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This question is a text-based essay question. Your essay should:

- Present and develop a central idea.
- Provide evidence/details from the passage(s).
- Include correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Write an essay describing how the speakers in **both** poems feel as they visit the museums. Be sure to use information from **both** poems to develop your essay.

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