## 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

of children
see them
to their beds.
They seem so real

but they are fixed there on the wall and I am here.

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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.

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

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Read the poem about looking at pictures in a museum.

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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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