

The Role of Museums Paper Guidelines

For this paper, I'd like for you to write what I call a "thought piece" about the role of museums, taking into consideration our discussions thus far, *Mr. Wilson's Cabinet of Wonder*, and *Making Museums Matter*.

Here are some questions to think about, but do not feel you have to answer them all:

- What is the role of museums and why?
- Who are museums for?
- What should be the mission of museums in today's world? (For this, you can look online for the mission statements of various museums. Do you agree with them? Disagree?)
- Having read these books, what did you find of value that today's museums should consider?

Be creative, but don't tell me how you "feel." I'm interested in your thinking here, not your feelings.

Support your statements with quotations as needed, making sure to footnote them using Chicago Manual of Style.

Your paper should be between 3-4 pages, Times New Roman 12 pt font, double-spaced with 1" margins, include a title and your name.