



Museum Access: International Tennis Hall of Fame Museum

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The International Tennis Hall of Fame Museum in Newport, RI explores the world of tennis from its very beginnings to this modern day sport with a global following. We learn about the equipment, the fashion, the art and the greats that are inducted in the prestigious Tennis Hall of Fame each year and more. Let's continue the learning with these questions and talking points.

Question 1

What did you know about tennis before watching this episode?

More Talking Points:

1. Have you ever played tennis?
2. Would you be interested in learning how to play? Why or why not?

Question 2

How does tennis in the past differ from modern day tennis?

More Talking Points:

1. Would you prefer playing on a grass court or a hard court?
2. Why do you think that over time, there has been a shift to hard courts?

Question 3

What artists are represented in the International Hall of Fame Museum collection?

More Talking Points:

1. Why do you think sports themed art is so popular?
2. If you were going to create a work of art to celebrate a sport, what sport would you choose?

Question 4

Why has fashion become an important part of women's tennis?

More Talking Points:

1. How have styles changed in women's tennis fashion over the years?
2. Has fashion impacted other sports? Which ones?

Question 5

How has the evolution of rackets impacted the game of tennis?

More Talking Points:

1. What materials were used in early racquets?
2. If you were developing a new tennis racquet, what would you consider?





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Question 6

What are some of the differences of playing tennis versus playing a team sport?

More Talking Points:

1. How do you think a tennis player prepares for a match?
2. Name some of the mental and physical challenges of tennis.

Question 7

What are some of the traits of a great tennis player?

More Talking Points:

1. What things can you practice doing to help you become a better athlete?
2. How can playing sports help someone become more well-rounded?

Question 8

How does playing sports contribute to better understanding of others ?

More Talking Points:

1. Why do you think sports bring people together?
2. How have sports influenced social issues like racism and classism?

Question 9

What qualifies someone to be inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame?

More Talking Points:

1. Why is having a 5 -year period after leaving the sport a prerequisite for induction consideration?
2. Who do you think should be inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame?

Question 10

How has tennis become more accessible to the general public over the years?

More Talking Points:

1. Why do you think making sports accessible to all is so important?
2. What could you do to help someone access tennis, or another sport?

