



# Museum Access: Ancient Egypt

SEASON 1 - EPISODE 3

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is home to over 5,000 years of art from all over the world. In this episode we explore ancient Egypt. We learn about the Temple of Dendur, transported stone by stone to the U.S. and Hatshepsut, the first female pharaoh of ancient Egypt who was almost erased from history. Let's continue the learning with these questions and talking points.

## Question 1

What types of art are you drawn to?

**More Talking Points:**

1. What do you find the most appealing about these pieces?
2. Do you prefer being alone in a museum gallery or with a group? Why?

## Question 2

How do museums protect and preserve art?

**More Talking Points:**

1. What can we do to help preserve historical art?
2. What can you do to celebrate art in your own life?

## Question 3

What can threaten cultural treasures like the Temple of Dendur?

**More Talking Points:**

1. Do you know of any historical artifacts that been lost?
2. What natural occurrences can harm historical artifacts?

## Question 4

Much thought goes into exhibit design in museums. What aesthetics were considered in designing the space for The Temple of Dendur?

**More Talking Points:**

1. What features are highlighted?
2. How do you think museum guests experience the space?

## Question 5

The Temple of Dendur has many interior and exterior hieroglyphics. Can you think of any similar story telling platforms in modern society?

**More Talking Points:**

1. What are they and what stories do they tell?
2. What do you think future historians will think of them if they are uncovered thousands of years in the future?

