



# Museum Access: The New York Botanical Garden

## SEASON 1 - EPISODE 9

The beautiful New York Botanical Garden features hundreds of plants from around the world. A very special exhibition of glass sculptures by Dale Chihuly was on display during our visit. It gave visitors an opportunity to experience art and nature combined in a new and unique way. Let's continue the learning with these questions and talking points.

### Question 1

How do conservatories (greenhouses/glasshouses) offer a more diverse selection of plants than you might see by exploring nature on a hike?

**More Talking Points:**

1. What can be grown in a conservatory that might not successfully grow outside?
2. What can you see in the New York Botanical Garden Haupt Conservatory, that you wouldn't normally see in New York City?

### Question 2

Discuss the research that takes place at the NYBG every day.

**More Talking Points:**

1. What research takes place through the NYBG in other countries?
2. If you were a scientist, what would you want to research?

### Question 3

What do you think you can do to help conserve plants?

**More Talking Points:**

1. What is the NYBG doing to save plants?
2. Why is it important to take care of our environment?

### Question 4

How can institutions like the NYBG help take care of the environment?

**More Talking Points:**

1. Do you think that displaying plants for public viewing is one way to help preserve plant species? Why?
2. How does the NYBG reach out to the community?

### Question 5

Why did the NYBG choose Dale Chihuly's work for display?

**More Talking Points:**

1. How does his work compliment the gardens? In what ways?
2. Did this exhibition attract a new group to visitors at the gardens? Who?

