Many people have called Washington home, whether they or their family have recently arrived, settled generations ago, or lived here since time immemorial. As you visit our Washington: My Home gallery tour, use what you find at some of the stops along the way to complete the activities below.

**Step into My Shoes**

Seven different people are featured here, and each one of them has a very different story. Choose one (or more) and listen to what they have to say. Gather the following information about that person:

What is their name? ____________________________________________________________

From where do they come? ______________________________________________________

What was something significant that happened to them? ________________________________

What kind of shoes represent them? How do the shoes relate to who they are? 

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What kind of shoes would you pick to represent yourself and why?

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Use this activity sheet with the museum’s FREE app, WA State History Museum. Each virtual gallery tour in the app provides “stops” that feature exhibition highlights. Activity sheets have associated questions or actions for various stops on the app tours.

**How to get the app:**

For Android and Windows devices, use the web-based application at this link: https://web-app.cuseum.com/?Washington-state-history-museum

For iPhones, go to the Apple App Store, type in “WA State History Museum.” Click “open” and you’ll be prompted to download the app to your phone.
Stop #3  THE END OF THE TRAIL

The average settler traveled over 2,000 miles on the Oregon Trail. Many journeys began in Independence, Missouri and ended in Oregon City, Oregon. George Bush, the first black settler in our state, and his family traveled from Missouri first to The Dalles, Oregon, then traveled up to Tumwater, Washington. See their journey on the map below. How many states are included in their trip?

A Maritime Empire

Thea Foss began a maritime company after she came to Washington State; it was unusual for a woman to start a business like this in the late 1800s.

Talk to a family member or friend: Do they have someone in their family who did something special? What was it? Draw a picture or write about this person.
Precious Things

Stop #6

Sometimes, when people come to a new place, they have to make difficult choices about what to bring with them and what to leave behind. Imagine that you were going on a long trip yourself – to a foreign country or to a place that you don’t know. What would you take to remind you of your home? Fill this suitcase with drawings of the objects you would take with you.

Vocabulary

Immigration: The act of coming to live permanently in a foreign country.

Migration: The movement of people to a new area or region, generally within the same country.

Refugee: Someone who has been forced to leave their country to escape war, natural disaster, or mistreatment (often due to their race, political, or religious beliefs).

Bonus! Answer this question:

Would you want to share some of the things that you believe in if you traveled on a journey to somewhere new? What kind of ideas might you share?