



Marshall Steam Museum

at Auburn Heights Preserve

Building Vocabulary

Grade Level: For grades K-3; can be adapted for other ages

Background: Here are some terms that students will hear when they visit the museum.

Word	Definition
antique	an item made in an earlier time, usually at least 100 years ago
automobile	usually a four-wheel vehicle with its own power system, often used to move people or things from one place to another
collection	to gather objects for study or display, usually related or similar to each other in some way
exhibit	an object or collection of objects on public display
historic	something that is consider special because of its role in history
horseless carriage	what the first automobiles were called because they looked like the carriages already in use, but did not require a horse to work; they operated under their own power (steam, gasoline internal combustion, or electric)
invention	to create or produce something for the first time; Example: the invention of the light bulb
inventor	a person who invents something
locomotive	the most important part of a train, includes an engine that moves under its own power, often pulling train cars on the railroad
museum	a place where objects of interest or value are displays, like works of art, automobiles, or even dinosaur bones
steam	the invisible vapor into which water is changed when it is heated to the boiling point
transportation	transportation includes the different ways you move something or someone from one place to another

Take it a Step Further

Have students create a vocabulary book of each of these terms with a picture to match.