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### **The Wild, Wild West Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave**

**Background:** When it comes to historical characters, few embody the spirit of the American West more than Buffalo Bill. Born William Frederick Cody in Iowa in 1846, he rose to international fame as a showman. 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of his death here in Colorado, but his larger-than-life reputation and legacy continue to live on. For more information about his life and the museum, watch the following video: [Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave's 'Mile High Musts'](#).

**Activity:** Inside the museum, you'll find exhibits about Cody's life and the Wild West shows, along with firearms and Indian artifacts like Sitting Bull's bow and arrows. As you explore the museum answer the following questions and complete the "What About Bill?" chart using written notes or pictures.

#### **Questions to Ask:**

1. What is interesting about his younger life? Are there any similarities between his upbringing and your life?
2. What are some things that interest you about his adult life?
3. What challenges did he have in his life?
4. What do you remember the most about him?
5. If there was a question you could ask him, what would it be?
6. How does he remind you of you?

## What about Bill?

Early life	Adult life	Challenges in life

The thing I will remember most about Buffalo Bill Cody is\_\_\_\_\_

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