

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

Diverse Delight
Fort Morgan Museum

Background: Fort Morgan has a diverse history which is showcased at this local museum. Military artifacts, agriculture, railroad, and prehistoric artifacts can be found here. Before your visit, watch this [five-minute video](#) which provides an overview of the city and museum.

After watching the video, ask the following questions:

1. What does diversity mean? *You may have to use several examples for younger kids. Examples could include diversity in a garden with the types and colors of flowers, or a gathering of people with ages, ethnicity, professions, **or** vacations with some being fun-oriented, others learning oriented.*
2. What are some good things about having diversity? *In the garden example, the garden is usually prettier, and the flowers don't bloom all at the same time, **or** in the people gathering you can learn more about others' experiences, **or** in the vacation example you learn how to have fun in different types of settings.*

Activity: Before exploring the museum review the following vocabulary words and their definitions.

Diverse—a great deal of variety

Pre-history—time before written records

Migration—movement of people to a new region

Artifact—an object made by human

Specimen—an individual piece used for display

Exhibit—Public display

After reviewing the words, explore the museum paying special attention to look for artifacts or exhibits that fit into the following categories: prehistoric, Native American, military, migration, railroad and art. Once you have found an object that fits into a category, complete the grade appropriate chart below (K-2nd grade or 3rd - 5th grade). Try to find an artifact or exhibit for each of the categories.

Grades K-2nd

Category	What I found
Prehistoric	
Native American	
Military	
Migration	
Railroad	
Art	

Grades 3-5

Category	Artifact/specimen/ exhibit	Year	How this demonstrates the area's diversity
Prehistory			
Native American			
Military			
Migration			
Railroad			
Art			