

Appendix D - Timeline Museum History

YEAR	MUSEUM/EVENT	COUNTRY	TYPE
530 b.C	Ennigaldi-Nanna's museum in Iraq is the first museum known to historians.	Iraq	Histroy
* 540 b.C	A collection of objects on display for study by scholars and the wealthy. Museums did not become public institutions until 1660.		
323-246 BCE	The Mouseion in Alexandria, Egypt, part of the Library of Alexandria.	Egypt	Scientific and Technological
1464	Stacks of the library at the Church of All Hallows in Bristol, England, open to the public.	England	Histroy
1471	The Capitoline Museum in Rome, Italy, started when Pope Sixtus IV donated ancient bronzes.	Italy	Art
1506	The Vatican Museum in Rome traces its origins to the collection of Pope Julius II.	Italy	Art
1543	The first physic garden (botanical garden) in Pisa, Italy.	Italy	Enviornmental
1568	The Botanical Garden of the University of Bologna, Italy, considered the first natural history museum.	Italy	Enviornmental
1576	First record of a Kunstkammer, Rudolf II's cabinet of curiosities, in Prague.	Czech Republic	Art
1635	Jardin des plantes médicinales (Royal Medicinal Plant Garden) created by King Louis XIII, later the French National Museum of Natural History.	France	Enviornmental
1660	The Royal Armouries in the Tower of London opens to the public.	England	Castle and structures
1662	Georgius Rumphius created a botanical garden in Ambon, Indonesia.	Indonesia	Enviornmental
1671	The city of Basel opened the Amerbach collection as the first municipal museum.	Switzerland	Art
1683	The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, England, the first natural history museum.	England	Scientific and Technological
1734	The Capitoline Museum in Rome becomes the first public museum.	Italy	Art
1737	Uffizi Gallery, Florence, one of the most important art museums in Italy and the world.	Italy	Art
1752	Tiergarten Schönbrunn in Vienna, Austria, opens as a zoo.	Austria	Enviornmental
1753	The British Museum opens to the public.	England	Histroy
1764	The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, founded by Catherine the Great.	Russia	Art
1773	The Charleston Museum in South Carolina, the first museum in the U.S.	United States	Histroy
1793	The Louvre in Paris opens to the public.	France	Art
1805	Charles Willson Peale formed the Philadelphia Museum and School in the U.S.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1824	Museo Egizio, Turin, Italy, one of the most important Egyptology museums in the world.	Italy	Histroy
1846	Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum complex, founded in Washington, D.C.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1861	Museo del Risorgimento, Turin, dedicated to the unification of Italy.	Italy	Histroy

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1882	National Archaeological Museum, Naples, one of the most significant archaeological museums in the world.	Italy	Histroy
1883	Vatican Museums, Rome, founded by Pope Gregory XVI, displaying an extensive collection of art and historical artifacts.	Italy	Art
1888	Urania, a scientific society in Berlin, communicating scientific findings to the public.	Germany	Scientific and Technological
* 1899	The Brooklyn Children's Museum, the world's first children's museum, opens.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1906	American Association of Museums formed, renamed in 2012 as the American Alliance of Museums.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1916	Association of Art Museum Directors formed.	United States	Art
1919	The British Museum forms a department to study the causes of art deterioration.	England	Scientific and Technological
1924	American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (later the Association of Zoos and Aquariums) formed.	United States	Enviornmental
1925	Tokyo National Museum, Japan, the oldest national museum in Japan and one of the largest art museums in the world.	Japan	Art
1932	GAM (Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea), Turin, Italy, dedicated to modern and contemporary art.	Italy	Art
1933	Museo Nazionale dell'Automobile, Turin, Italy, focusing on the history and future of automobiles.	Italy	Scientific and Technological
1933	National Palace Museum, Taipei (originally in Beijing), China, holding one of the world's largest collections of ancient Chinese artifacts.	China	Histroy
1934	National Museum of Cinema, Turin, located in the Mole Antonelliana, one of the most important film museums.	Italy	Cinema, radio and photography
1940	American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta formed, later the Public Gardens Association.	United States	Enviornmental
1942	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) formed.	France	Scientific and Technological
1946	International Council of Museums formed.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1952	Museo della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo da Vinci, Milan, one of the largest science and technology museums in Europe.	Italy	Scientific and Technological
1959	Science and Technology Education Center opens in St. Petersburg, Florida.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1962	The American Association of Youth Museums formed.	United States	Scientific and Technological
* 1969	The Exploratorium opens in San Francisco, CA.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1973	Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) formed.	United States	Scientific and Technological

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1977	The Edo-Tokyo Museum, Japan, dedicated to the history of Tokyo during the Edo period.	Japan	Histroy
1982	Epcot opens at Lake Buena Vista, Florida.	United States	Art
* 1987	Body Works' exhibit opens, Pacific Science Center, exhibits customized for participants the exhibits were customized to their needs.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1989	First meeting of the European Network of Science Centers and Museums.	United States	Scientific and Technological
1995	Museum of Computer Art (MOCA) founded.	United States	Art
1996	Website of the Museum of the History of Science in Oxford goes online.	United Kingdom	Scientific and Technological
1998	Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, China, focusing on natural history, technology, and space exploration.	China	Scientific and Technological
2001	Institute of Museum and Library Services founded.	United States	Histroy
2002	21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan, known for its innovative approach to contemporary art.	Japan	Art
2005	First use of the term 'crowdsourcing.'	United States	Scientific and Technological
2008	MAO (Museo d'Arte Orientale), Turin, Italy, dedicated to Asian art and culture.	Italy	Art
2011	Google Art Project goes online with virtual museum tours.	Russia	Art
2014	9/11 Museum's 'Timescapes' exhibit uses semantic web technology.	Global	Scientific and Technological
2016	History Museum of Petrozavodsk uses smart building technologies and semantic web.	United States	Scientific and Technological
2017	Tsinghua University Art Museum, Beijing, China, a prominent contemporary art museum blending traditional and modern aesthetics.	China	Art
2020	COVID-19 forces museum closures, surge in online museum programming.	United States	Scientific and Technological
2020	New online museum events and NFT programming due to COVID-19, notable rise of Museo Egizio in Turin for virtual exhibits.	Italy	Scientific and Technological
2022	Turin's Museo Egizio implements AI-guided tours, blending historical artifacts with modern interactive displays.	Italy	Scientific and Technological
2023	Opening of the Contemporary Art and Technology Museum in Turin, focusing on the blend of art, AI, and VR.	Italy	Art
2023	Synesthesia collaborates with the University of Turin and Politecnico di Torino to launch the I-Muse app, an AI-powered mobile application designed to transform museum visits in Turin. The app provides customized tours, interactive content, and real-time visitor insights, enhancing engagement at eight of the city's major museums.	Italy	