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Rehousing Project: Near East Department

Background: Penn Museum

- Established in 1887 after a groundbreaking excavation of the Ancient Mesopotamian City, Nippur.
- The Penn Museum aims to “Make archaeology and anthropology accessible to all.”

Key Institutional Goals

- Tell the powerful stories that come from excavation and research.
- Apply historical knowledge to broad contemporary questions:
  - What does the Code of Hammurabi have to do with the U.S. Constitution?
  - How can archaeology help to predict climate change?

Major Achievements Include:

- 5,000+ Penn undergraduate students benefit from Academic Engagement program.
- 35,000 K-12 students, including 6,000 Philadelphia Title I public school students, visit galleries onsite. (Unpacking the Past Program)
- 250 award-winning distance learning programs are delivered in classrooms worldwide.

Personal Learning Goals:

Large Scale

- Explore various potential future career fields in the Museum sector.
- Better understand the ethics behind the museum industry and, specifically, learn about their responsibility to educate through a nuanced yet transparent lens.

Findings & Personal Takeaways

Final Takeaways

- Better understand where I fit in museum work - future career and internship prospects.
- Found deep interest in the public-relations component of Museum work (Primarily through education development & Community Engagement).
- Our published online catalogs will be significant in supporting the work of researchers, improving global accessibility to artifacts, and posing as a learning outlet for current and future academics.