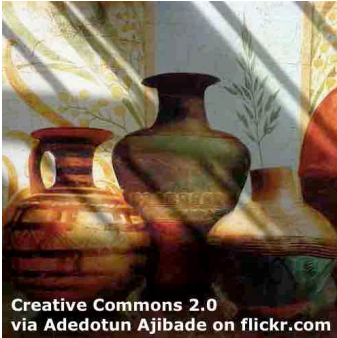


Africa museum to be one of world's greatest sights

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A yet-to-be-opened museum in Accra, Ghana is getting people across the world excited. The Pan African Heritage Museum is set to open in August 2023. TIME Magazine said it will be among the top 100 world's greatest places to visit. TIME wrote: "It will

house archives, exhibits, galleries, and a theater, [and will be] a key destination for visitors interested in connecting with Africa's history and its people's heritage." Ghana's president said the museum will "provide a natural residence and resting place for all the looted cultural artefacts of our continent, which are housed in foreign museums and which will be returned to us". A digital version of the museum was launched on May the 5th.

The man who thought of the idea for the museum is Kojo Acquah Yankah. He is a former newspaper editor, MP and cabinet minister. He said the idea came to him after seeing 5,000 people of African descent at an event for the 375th anniversary of the forced arrival of Africans in the USA. He said: "This inspired me to create the museum to unite Africans and people of African descent." He wants "to raise the self-confidence of Africans as a people with a rich history and heritage". He added: "The museum is special because it's the only one bringing all African heritage together under one roof." He said there are fewer than 2,000 museums in Africa, compared with over 30,000 in Europe and in the USA.

Sources: ghanaweb.com / travelnoire.com / bbc.com

Writing

All African art should be returned to Africa. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

museum / Ghana / Africa / greatest places / archives / galleries / history / continent / idea / newspaper / editor / anniversary / inspire / self-confidence / heritage / roof

True / False

- 1) The Pan African Heritage Museum opened in August 2021. T / F
- 2) TIME Magazine said the museum would be in the world's top 10 sites. T / F
- 3) Ghana's president said the museum would house stolen African art. T / F
- 4) An online version of the museum opened on May 5, 2022. T / F
- 5) The man whose idea the museum was once worked for a newspaper. T / F
- 6) The man said the museum has a capacity for 5,000 visitors. T / F
- 7) The man wants to increase the self-confidence of Africans. T / F
- 8) There are 30,000 museums in Africa. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. among | a. background |
| 2. visit | b. important |
| 3. archives | c. ex- |
| 4. key | d. records |
| 5. looted | e. unusual |
| 6. former | f. stolen |
| 7. descent | g. tradition |
| 8. inspired | h. included in |
| 9. heritage | i. encouraged |
| 10. special | j. go to see |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of museums?
- b) What do you know about Ghana?
- c) Would you like to visit the Pan African Heritage Museum?
- d) Why might the museum be one of the world's top 100 places to visit?
- e) What do you think of African art?
- f) Should foreign museums return their stolen art to the Ghana museum?
- g) What do you think of a museum showing all of Africa's culture?
- h) What's the best museum you've ever visited?

Phrase Match

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| 1. A yet-to- | a. of the idea |
| 2. the top 100 world's greatest places | b. history and heritage |
| 3. a key destination | c. was launched |
| 4. all the looted cultural | d. of African descent |
| 5. A digital version of the museum | e. to visit |
| 6. The man who thought | f. be-opened museum |
| 7. a former newspaper | g. for visitors |
| 8. unite Africans and people | h. under one roof |
| 9. people with a rich | i. artefacts |
| 10. bringing all African heritage together | j. editor |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about the forced taking of Africans to the USA?
- What do you know about the richness of Africa's cultures?
- What's your favourite African country?
- What do you think of music that comes from Africa?
- What three adjectives best describe the continent of Africa?
- How many museums have you been to?
- What questions would you like to ask the museum's boss?

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. j	3. d	4. b	5. f
6. c	7. a	8. i	9. g	10. e

Role Play

Role A – Science Museums

You think science museums are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their museums. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): art, virtual or children's.

Role B – Art Museums

You think art are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their museums. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): science, virtual or children's.

Role C – Virtual Museums

You think virtual are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their museums. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): art, science or children's.

Role D – Children's Museums

You think children's are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their museums. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): art, virtual or science.

Speaking – Museums

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • History museums | • Virtual museums |
| • Science museums | • Children's museums |
| • Art galleries | • Design museums |
| • Local museums | • Natural history museums |

Answers – True False

1 F	2 F	3 T	4 T	5 T	6 F	7 T	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.