Hall of Human Origins
Pre-Visit Story
Morning at the Museum
When I am at the National Museum of Natural History, I can visit the Hall of Human Origins.

The Hall of Human Origins Exhibit tells the story of how humans have changed over the last 6 million years.
Faces of Early Humans

• When I visit the Human Origins Exhibit, I will see faces of early humans.
• Early humans may look different than me.
• Some of the faces may look like real faces. I know they are fake.
Bones and Skulls

- I will also see skulls and bones of early humans.
- I can touch some skulls.
- If I find parts of the exhibit scary, I do not have to look at them.
The Cave

- There is a cave that has drawings on the wall.
- This cave is dark.
- I can go into the cave.
- If I do not want to go into the cave, I can walk past the cave.
Things I May Hear and See

• When I walk through the exhibit, I may hear a flute playing.
• I can stop and listen or I can keep walking if I do not want to listen.
• There are videos playing.
• I will hear people talking in them.
• I can stop and watch or I can keep walking if I do not want to watch.
Using Touch Screen Computers

- When I visit the Human Origins Exhibit, I will see many computers that I can use.
- It is okay for me to touch the screens.
- They will teach me about early humans.
- If I need help, I can ask my adult.
• There are statues in the exhibit.
• I can look at and touch these statues.
• They are statues of early humans.
Footprints

- There are footprints in the exhibit.
- They aren’t real fossils they are replicas.
- I can try to walk like early humans.
Exiting the Exhibit

- There is a short tunnel that is dark and has flashing lights.
- I will hear a loud voice talking and see pictures on a screen.
- I can walk through the tunnel.
- If I do not want to walk through the tunnel, I can go back to the Mammal Hall.
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