

1. See

Survey the stories in the exhibition. Pick two people who stand out to you. Choose one from the past and one from the present.

Pick a person who lived a long time ago	Pick a person working today
<p>What is the person's name?</p> <p>How has the person contributed to the natural sciences? Write or draw about their work:</p> <p>What made you choose this person?</p> <p>What surprised you the most about their story?</p>	<p>What is the person's name?</p> <p>How has the person contributed to the natural sciences? Write or draw about their work:</p> <p>What made you choose this person?</p> <p>What surprised you the most about their story?</p>

2. Think

Think about what each person contributed to the natural sciences. What barriers or injustices might each have faced? Feel free to make inferences based on your prior knowledge about the context in which each person lived. For example, you may know about the period and places in which they lived, contemporary world events, or the culture they came from. Your understanding of the dominant culture where they lived—that is, the commonly held beliefs, values, or practices of the group in power—may also be relevant.

3. Wonder

- What broader questions does this exhibition raise for you?
- What would you like to know about the lives, research, and contributions of the scientists and professionals?
- Think about what you already know about the times and places in which they lived and the events they lived through.
- What questions do you have about how those factors may have affected their work?

4. Talk About It

Talk to a partner about the people you chose. Share one interesting thing you learned about them and their discoveries. How does learning about scientists and naturalists impact your view of natural history?

EXPLORE MORE

The scientists and naturalists in the exhibition were curious about the natural world and pursued careers in science to learn more about their areas of interest. What aspects of the natural world would you like to learn more about? Why did you choose those areas? What about them interests you?

Visit these Museum halls to spark your own curiosity:

Susan and Peter J. Solomon Family Insectarium

Explore the world of insects through large-scale models, interactive exhibits, microscope stations, and abundant displays of live insects.

Louis V. Gerstner, Jr. Collections Core

Learn about the natural history collections that form the core of AMNH by visiting this exhibition. More than 30,000 specimens and objects, from dinosaur fossils to parrot taxidermy mounts, make up 35 exhibits on three floors. Take note about whether there is information about who collected those specimens and objects.