

## **National Museum of the American Indian Museum Questions**

1. What is the history of this museum and what was the reason it was placed in this community?

The site of fort Amsterdam built in 1626 within the fortifications was erected the first substantial church edifice on the Island of Manhattan. In 1787 the fort was demolished and the government house built upon this site. This tablet is placed here by the Holland society of New York. September 1890.

The building is called "Alexander Hamilton United States custom house" and was named in honor of Alexander Hamilton.

2. What stood out as most prominent among the museum's exhibits? What made this the case for you?

It's hard to choose a single thing that stood out to me, because there were a lot of exhibit's which were very interesting in my opinion. One exhibit that stood out to me was the "Mapuche machi's rewe pole" (from Chile). This object was used by medicine women or man and was used to carry out the ceremonies for each medical treatment or pleading ritual. The pole is converted into a sacred rewe--clean and pure space--when she or he is initiated through the ritual Ngeykurewen. I think it was impressive to see how big this exhibit was and made me think how they could have used it for medical help.

(I also really liked the interactive station with the trading game, which gave you the opportunity to learn about trade and do it yourself.)

3. Does the staff represent the topic or group of people exhibited in the museum? Why or why not?

I don't think the staff represented the topic or group exhibited in the museum, at least I didn't notice it. I think the staff is a normal museum staff, different kinds of people and not a clear pattern which would be the same as the exhibits in the museum.

4. What is something you learned or was challenging to you about this visit?

I learned a lot I would say about different things. About different objects, tools and clothes they used back in the day. It was also interesting to learn some things about the past from

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New York, like how it started and developed over time. To have interactive things there and a movie to learn about the things was also good and made it interesting to learn about the things.