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Our America
First Museum Visit

The National Museum of the American Indian in New York City is a branch of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. The museum is located in the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House in Lower Manhattan, which is a historic building that was designed by architect Cass Gilbert in the early 20th century.

The museum's collection includes over 700,000 objects, many of which are on display in the museum's permanent exhibits. These exhibits explore the history and culture of Native American peoples from throughout the Western Hemisphere, with a particular focus on the indigenous peoples of the United States.

One of the highlights of the museum's collection is its extensive collection of Native American art, including pottery, beadwork, and textiles, as well as contemporary art by Native American artists. The museum's exhibits also include a range of historical objects, such as weapons, tools, and clothing, that showcase the daily life and traditions of Native American peoples.

In addition to its exhibits, the National Museum of the American Indian in New York offers a range of educational and cultural programs, including workshops, lectures, and performances. The museum also hosts a regular schedule of temporary exhibits that explore different aspects of Native American culture and history.

Overall, the National Museum of the American Indian in New York is an important cultural institution that helps to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of Native American peoples. Through its exhibits and programs, the museum seeks to challenge stereotypes and foster greater respect for the contributions of Native American communities to American society and culture.

In the museum, there is a native American store that is accessible for buying merchandise that belongs and is related with their history. Things like American Indian styles' jewelry, literature and other stuff were amongst the things I saw were available, besides food. I think that section actually gave me a sense of cultural ideals that's not always portrayed in our general concepts of American Indian cultures.

Some of the other sections I was able to learn about during the small tour were;

- Seminole Patchwork: The Seminole people of Florida are known for their colorful and intricate patchwork designs, which are used to decorate clothing and other items. The museum has a large collection of Seminole patchwork, including a traditional skirt and

blouse.



Seminole Indian making colorful garments in Florida

About the Picture: This is an image I found online: sample of Patchwork.

- Navajo Rugs: The Navajo people of the Southwest are famous for their woven rugs, which often feature bold geometric designs. The museum has a collection of Navajo rugs that showcase the variety of styles and techniques used by Navajo weavers.
- Inuit Sculpture: The Inuit people of the Arctic are known for their art, which often depicts animals and scenes from daily life. The museum has a collection of Inuit sculpture, including works made from soapstone, bone, and ivory.
- Inuit Sculpture: Below there is a sculpture found Online:

