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## Journey into Earth's Past: The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

### Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Imagine you are standing in front of the Tyrannosaurus rex exhibit at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. Describe your thoughts and emotions as you encounter this iconic dinosaur fossil.
2. Research and describe one of the gemstones or minerals found in the Hall of Geology, Gems, and Minerals. Explain its characteristics and origin.
3. Discuss the role of museums like the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in promoting scientific education and conservation awareness. Provide examples of how museums achieve these goals.
4. If you could explore one specific exhibit or hall within the museum, which one would it be, and why? What would you hope to learn or discover there?

