



**NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

School Programs Resources

## How to Access Online Museum Collections for the Classroom

### Anthropology Collections (archaeological and ethnographic collections)

The NHM anthropology collection includes an estimated 135,000 artifacts and cultural objects from all over the world. Close to 20,000 artifacts and objects are accessible online.

**Step 1:** Head to the 'Collections of the Natural History Museum' website ([collections.nhm.org](http://collections.nhm.org)) and click on the Anthropology section. This will take you to the anthropology collections search form.

collections.nhm.org

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**The Collections of the Natural History Museum**

**Anthropology**  
 This search represents only part of the Anthropology Department's collections. The Anthropology Department curates archaeological and ethnographic collections. The scope of the collections is focused on the Americas, with an emphasis on the western United States and Latin America. The Archaeology Collection includes approximately 100,000 ancient artifacts and the Ethnology Collection is comprised of about 33,000 cultural objects from North, Middle, and South America, Pacific, Australia, Asia, and Africa. These collections are available for scholarly research.

**Dinosaur Institute**  
 The Dinosaur Institute houses a world-class collection of tetrapods (vertebrate animals with four limbs) from the Mesozoic Era. This collection includes fine fossil specimens of dinosaurs (including birds), pterosaurs, crocodiles, turtles, mammals, and extinct marine reptiles. In addition to skeletal specimens, the Institute also houses such rare fossil material as skin impressions and eggs. Among the Institute's unique treasures are a number of holotypes—specimens upon which a new species has been founded—as well as one of the few growth series of *Tyrannosaurus rex*, a series of fossils ranging from young juveniles through adults.

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**Anthropology Collections Detailed Search Form**

Here are some tips for searching our collections:  
**Too many results?** – Try narrowing your search down by making a selection in several of the fields.  
**Too few or no results?** – Try entering the word into the Keyword(s) field because it not only searches all of the other fields that you see, but also searches descriptions in our database that are not shown.  
 If you are unsure how the word is entered you can also try using an asterisk (\*) after whatever part of the word the different version might share. For example, entering "brai\*" will find brain, braids, braiding, etc. \*Be aware that this will make the search slower.

Still not finding what you are looking for? [View some more tips for yielding better results](#)

Search our collection...

Keyword(s)   
 Object Name/Descriptor   
 Provenience   
 Culture/People/Style   
 Material Type(s)   
 Group/Inventory   
 Catalog Number   
 Records per page   
   Show results only with images

**Step 2:** There are a number of ways to search the collection. Entering your inquiry into the *Keyword* field searches all of the fields in addition to information that you may not see. This can yield a large number of results. To narrow down your search try using a different field.

**For Example:** To search for artifacts from Egypt, enter 'Egypt' into the *Provenience* field. To search for Gabrieli-no-Tongva artifacts and objects, enter 'Tongva' into the *Culture/People/Style* field and press 'search' below.

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Image	Object Name/Descriptor	Material Type(s)	Provenience	Culture/People/Style
	Canoe (model)	Stone - Actinolite	North America, USA, California	Chumash
	Knotted Cordage Fragment with Asphaltum	Plant - Seagrass	North America, USA, California, Los Angeles Co., San Clemente Island, Big Dog Cave	Gabrieli-no-Tongva
	Woven Seagrass Fragment	Plant - Seagrass	North America, USA, California, Ventura Co., San Nicolas Island, Dutch Harbor Site	Gabrieli-no-Tongva
	Pestle Fragment	Stone	North America, USA, California, Los Angeles Co., San Clemente Island, Big Dog Cave	Gabrieli-no-Tongva
	Woven Seagrass Fragment	Plant - Seagrass	North America, USA, California, Ventura Co., San Nicolas Island	Gabrieli-no-Tongva
	Knotted Cordage Fragment	Plant - Seagrass	North America, USA, California, Ventura Co., San Nicolas Island, Dutch Harbor Site	Gabrieli-no-Tongva
	Woven Seagrass Fragment	Plant - Seagrass	North America, USA, California, Ventura Co., San Nicolas Island, Dutch Harbor Site	Gabrieli-no-Tongva
	Cordage Fragments	Plant - Seagrass	North America, USA, California, Ventura Co., San Nicolas Island, Dutch Harbor Site	Gabrieli-no-Tongva
	Basket Fragment	Plant - Seagrass	North America, USA, California, Ventura Co., San Nicolas Island, Woodward's site 1-W	Gabrieli-no-Tongva
	Woven Seagrass Fragment	Plant - Seagrass	North America, USA, California, Ventura Co., San Nicolas Island, Dutch Harbor Site	Gabrieli-no-Tongva

The *Group/Inventory* dropdown menu contains several significant collections available to be viewed online including all of the artifacts featured in the Visible Vault exhibit.

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If you are unsure how the word is example, entering "braid" will find:

- "Navajo Textiles: The William Randolph Hearst Collection", by Nancy J. Blomberg, 1998
- Central and South American Featherwork
- Fetish Carvings: Southwestern, mostly Zuni (the largest collection in any museum)
- J. Ward Williams Collection: New Guinea material collected from the upper Fly and Sepik Rivers in 1936.
- Lost and Found Traditions: Native American Art 1965-1995
- Material excavated during NHM construction, 2008-2010
- Mexican, Rio Grande and Chimayo Textiles
- Native American Hall, 1992-2006
- North American Basketry
- Peruvian Textiles
- Plains Beadwork
- Pre-Columbian Gold
- Seagrass Textiles and Cordage from the Channel Islands
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- William S. Cherry collection: African material collected in the Congo area between 1889-1900
- Zuni Fetishes on display, 2000-present

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Image	Object Name/Descriptor	Material Type(s)	Provenience	Culture/People/Style
	Ornament	Metal - Gold	South America, Colombia, Quimbaya	Quimbaya
	Bowl	Ceramic	South America, Peru, Southern Coast	Nazca/Nasca
	Whistle Figurine	Ceramic	Central America, Costa Rica, Atlantic Watershed	Atlantic Watershed
	Whistle Jar	Ceramic	South America, Peru, Northern Coast	Vicus
	Architectural Element	Stone - Andesite	North America, Mexico, Valley of Mexico	Toltec
	Figurine	Ceramic	North America, Mexico, Veracruz	Veracruz (Gulf Coast)
	Jar	Ceramic	South America, Peru, Northern Coast	Salinar
	Jar	Ceramic	Central America, Panama, Chiriqui	Chiriqui
	Ornament	Stone - Jade	Central America, Guatemala	Maya
	Jar	Ceramic	North America, Mexico, Valley of Mexico	Áztec

## Seaver Center Collections

The Seaver Center for Western History Research is the two-dimensional and flat objects collection area of the History department and includes historical sources such as manuscript materials, books, serials, pamphlets, broadsides, maps, posters, prints, and photographs.

**Step 1:** Just as you did with the anthropology collections search, head to the 'Collections of the Natural History Museum' page ([collections.nhm.org](http://collections.nhm.org)). Click on the 'Seaver Center for Western History Research' section and this will take you to the Seaver Center Collections Search form.

**Step 2:** The Seaver Center's Collections Search form contains different search fields to anthropology's. The easiest way to search the collections is to use the *Keyword(s)* field.

**For Example:** If conducting a search for historical material relating to Pio Pico, enter Pio Pico into the *Keyword(s)* field. Once you select the chosen record, you will have access to the digital image, and research information associated with it.

NHM Collections > Seaver Center

### Seaver Center Collections Search Form

Here are some tips for searching our collections:

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**Too few or no results?** – Try entering the word in the Keyword(s) field.

If you are unsure how the word is entered you can also try using the following symbols: " after whatever part of the word the different version might share. For example, entering "braid" will find braid, braids, braiding, etc. *"Be aware that this will make the search slower."*

Hint: Exact phrase. Use quotes (" ") to search for an exact phrase. For example: "Jose Antonio"

Hint: Boolean search. Our search does not support Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT). However, entering a multiple keyword search will work like Boolean AND. Results will be returned only when ALL of the keywords appear. For example: sierra mining will retrieve items with both sierra and mining.

Search our collection...

Keyword(s): Pio Pico

Collection Name: [Dropdown]

Creator: [Text]

Object Name: [Text]

Catalog Number: [Text]

Records per page: 20 results

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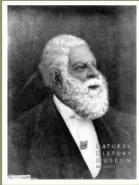
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### Seaver Center Collection Details

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P-010-0745A



Catalog Number: P-010-0745A

Collection Name	Behrendt, (Sam) Collection, 1870-1920
Title	Governor Pio Pico
Description	Portrait of Pico, Pio de Jesus who was the last California Governor under Mexican rule Pierce & Co; (2 items) Photographer: C. C. Pierce & Co.
Subjects	Pico, Pio, 1801-1894 Portrait photography. Portraits.

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