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Unit 8 “Museum Theft” Pre-Reading Activities

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3. What other ancient artwork might a museum have? _____

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6. Museums help preserve history by _____
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8. Art thieves know that paintings and ancient artifacts are worth millions of dollars.