



Welcome to

DIPLOMACY IS OUR *Mission*

1 Find the large image of Ben Franklin, who is frequently recognized as the nation's first diplomat. He introduces the exhibit, which explores the work of U.S. diplomats and how they do their jobs. What are some facts you can gather about Franklin?

Read the "What is Diplomacy" panel. What words or phrases jump out at you that you already apply in your own life?

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3 On the flip side of this panel is a map of the world that shows the global presence of the State Department through diplomatic missions. Missions are another name for an embassy, or an overseas building where U.S. diplomats work. Using the key, how many different types of missions do you see?

To the left of the map is a description of the State Department; how does it describe the State Department's purpose?

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5 As you turn and face the center of the exhibition, you will see there are four enclosures, each displaying a word that describes the goals of the State Department. What are these four words?

How do you think these words connect to what you read about diplomacy on the first panel?

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7 Next to the words are large images of former Secretaries of State. The Secretary of State leads the State Department and is appointed by the U.S. President as the nation's Chief Diplomat. Select one of the former Secretaries and read the quote. How does this quote help you better understand the Department of State or the practice of diplomacy?

8 Select an enclosure and one story within:

Where does the story take place? _____

Who are the featured diplomats or diplomatic organizations? _____

How did this work advance the goals of the United States and the State Department?

Is there an object associated with this story? How does it enhance your understanding of the story and the work diplomats perform? _____

TREASURE HUNT

Find the Object

 **Find the sculpture of Ben Franklin and King Louis XVI.**
Observe the body language of both. What elements of diplomacy do you see?

Find the fireman's helmet. 
The citizen diplomat who wore this object assisted in a humanitarian crisis. How is this diplomacy?

 **Find raw diamonds that were confiscated at the U.S. border.**
How is regulating the trade of minerals good for the United States?

Find the clay brick. 
How is combatting slave labor beneficial to the United States?
