

* Visiting the America by Air Exhibit

National Air and Space Museum



I am going to visit the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. We may go to the America by Air exhibit to explore and learn about what air travel was like many years ago, when my grandparents were children.

“Then and Now”



This display is titled “THEN AND NOW”. ‘Then’ means many years ago, when my grandparents were young like me. They may have stories to tell me about air travel long ago. ‘Now’ means in the last few years or so, since I was born. The “THEN AND NOW” activity helps people understand the difference between air travel “back then”, and now.

* Back Then...



Back then the cockpit of an Airbus A320 looked like this. We may look and listen to a simulated takeoff and landing. Simulated means that we won't really take off or land. We will stay in one place in the museum and see what flying a plane was like for pilots back then.

* Pilot Uniforms



Back then, when my grandparents were children, pilots often wore uniforms that look like this, and....

* Flight Attendant Uniforms



Flight attendants wore uniforms that looked like this.

* Airplanes!



The flight attendants and pilots flew in airplanes that may have looked like this!

*Back Then Inside the Plane...



Back then, passengers often sat in seats like these. My grandparents may remember airplanes that looked like this inside.

* Now...



Now, as we did then, we have airports and airplanes. The airports are bigger, and many of the airplanes are bigger, too.

* Now Inside the Plane



Now, cockpits have more technology, and give pilots more information than they did back then, when my grandparents were little.

* Now Uniforms



Now, pilots and flight attendants wear uniforms, just as they did back then.

*When I am done...



When we have finished going through the America by Air exhibit, I might think about air travel years ago, and today. Would I rather travel in a plane then... or now?