Hall of Human Origins
Pre-Visit Story
Morning at the Museum
When I am at the National Museum of Natural History, I can visit the Hall of Human Origins.

The Hall of Human Origins Exhibit tells the story of how humans have changed over the last 6 million years.
Faces of Early Humans

- When I visit the Human Origins Exhibit, I will see faces of early humans.
- Early humans may look different than me.
- Some of the faces may look like real faces. I know they are fake.
• I will also see skulls and bones of early humans.
• I can touch some skulls.
• If I find parts of the exhibit scary, I do not have to look at them.
• There is a cave that has drawings on the wall.
• This cave is dark.
• I can go into the cave.
• If I do not want to go into the cave, I can walk past the cave.
Things I May Hear and See

- When I walk through the exhibit, I may hear a flute playing.
- I can stop and list or I can keep walking if I do not want to listen.
- There are videos playing.
- I will hear people talking in them.
- I can stop and watch or I can keep walking if I do not want to watch.
Using Touch Screen Computers

- When I visit the Human Origins Exhibit, I will see many computers that I can use.
- It is okay for me to touch the screens.
- They will teach me about early humans.
- If I need help, I can ask my adult.
Statues

- There are statues in the exhibit.
- I can look at and touch these statues.
- They are statues of early humans.
Footprints

- There are footprints in the exhibit.
- They aren’t real fossils they are replicas.
- I can try to walk like early humans.
Exiting the Exhibit

- There is a short tunnel that is dark and has flashing lights.
- I will hear a loud voice talking and see pictures on a screen.
- I can walk through the tunnel.
- If I do not want to walk through the tunnel, I can go back to the Mammal Hall.