Latinx Heritage Month Scavenger Hunt

This Latinx Heritage Month we selected objects in our collections that highlight the importance of cultural conservation through the use of replicas and environmentalism. By creating replicas of original objects, the real objects can remain in their country of origin. In another example, culture is maintained through sustainability of resources.

GROUND LEVEL

*Patagotitan* “Giant from Patagonia” *Mayorum* honoring the Mayo family, owners of La Flecha Farm, where the fossils were found. The cast is a composite of six different fossils all young adult individuals. The fossils were preserved in three different stratigraphic layers, indicating 3 different death events, the real bones are located in Museo Paleontológico Egidio Feruglio in Trelew Argentina.

Which museum houses the real fossil? ______________________

The Aztec Sun Stone, unlike the calendar stone, commemorates the creation of the five worlds in Aztec mythology each with its own sun following a cycle of creation and destruction until the world we currently reside in under our sun. The stone was unearthed in 1790 in Mexico City; this stone is a replica of the original.

Which museum has the original stone? ______________________

UPPER LEVEL

For the Shipibo people of Peru, sustaining cultural values requires environmental conservation and sustainability. You can see this in their pottery and other handcrafted items featuring materials derived from the Amazonian rainforest. They incorporate natural materials such as tree sap, ash from charred tree bark, and boiled tree bark to make different dyes harvested in ways that do not overexploit their resources.

Which National Park is the home of the Shipibo? ____________

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