



## Learning with Lincoln Institute

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### Diorama Project

A diorama is a three dimensional scene from a book, play, or other source. It is easiest to use a small box such as a shoe box or cereal box.

First, select your scene and plan it out on a piece of paper. Make sure you remember to include all of the required elements, including the background and caption/explanation card.

Second, begin making articles for your scene. These may be hand drawn/made, pictures from magazines, computer generated, or any other appropriate model. Keep in mind that the articles must be close to scale, the correct size compared to the rest of the scene. Your diorama will not look right if the shoe is bigger than the tree it is next to!

Third, begin decorating the scene. Glue in the appropriate background, and then arrange the other items for the best look. When you are happy with the placement of the items, glue them carefully in place.

Last, complete a final copy caption card that tells the title of your scene and explains why that scene is important to your project. You might even tell why you chose that particular scene. Be sure to attach the caption card carefully to the outside of the box where your audience is sure to see it.

**BONUS POINTS** can be earned by appropriately decorating the outside of the box.

DIORAMA RUBRIC			
Possible score →	10 points	5 points	0 points
Required elements↓			
Background scenery appropriate to time period	All scenery fits time period	Some scenery fits time period, some out of sync	No scenery evident; Scene does not fit time period
Models/items explain the selected event	5 or more items/models to represent the scene	1-4 items/models to represent the scene	No items/models evident
Caption card tells title and explains the scene	Caption card tells title, explains the importance of the scene; correct conventions	Incomplete description of scene; does not explain importance of the event; many errors in conventions	No caption card present
Neatness evident with an attractive design	Items in scale with neat, attractive design	Some items out of scale; neatness not to grade level	Poorly constructed, sloppy work not to ability