

 #1 Symbols of the President

This is the limousine of President George H.W. Bush. It has really thick metal and bullet-proof glass. The president rides in the limo when he goes anywhere. We don't know exactly how much the car weighs - it's a secret but most guess it at around 14,000 pounds - that's the size of a full grown African elephant.

Now turn and look at the wall across from the limo. This is the Presidential Seal used by the President of the United States. The American eagle holds an olive branch (representing peace) in one foot (talon) and 13 arrows (representing strength) in the other foot. The number 13 is important because that is how many states our country had when it started. Can you guess how many stars are above the eagle's head - 13. The eagle is holding a banner that says in Latin "out of many, one meaning out of many states we are one country. There are 50 stars around the outside of the seal because we now have 50 states in our country. Do you know what state we live in? Texas

 #2, #60 Family Traditions

Look at the long wall of pictures from George H.W. Bush's early life. These are family pictures of George Bush as a child and young man. George H.W. Bush loved to play sports. See if you can find a picture of George as a child or young man playing a sport.

 #3 Family Traditions

Now look at the long wall across from George H.W. Bush's early life. These are pictures of President Bush's wife Barbara when she was a child and young woman. Find the picture of Barbara and her friends in the bathing suits - don't they look like they are having fun!


 #4 World War II

George H.W. Bush volunteered to fight in World War II as a pilot in the navy. Look up - this plane is just like the one George Bush flew in the war. Now move forward, do you see the large model of the ship with planes on it. This model represents the ship that George H.W. Bush took off and landed on. It is the length of two football fields which is really short. The shortest runway in the U.S. on land is about the length of 7 football fields.

Look at the submarine beside the ship. President Bush's plane crashed into the ocean after it was hit by Japanese guns. He was rescued by the submarine crew on the U.S.S Finback.

 #61 Family Traditions

Barbara met George at a Christmas Dance when she was 16 years old. The two went out together and then when George went off to war they wrote letters to each other all the time. George named 3 of the planes he flew Barbara, Barbara II and Barbara III. After George crashed in the ocean and was rescued he came home to get well. During his time at home he and Barbara got married. This is the wedding dress that Barbara wore. Look at the beautiful pin she Barbara wore during her wedding.

 #5, #6, & #62 Family Traditions

After World War II, George went to college at Yale. While in college George and Barbara had their first child, George W. Bush, who will grow up to become our 43rd president. The Bushes would have a total of 6 children.

See the car - this is just like the car that Barbara, George and baby George drove to Texas. George H.W. Bush moved his family to Texas to start a job in the oil industry.

### #8, #63 Taking Risk

In 1964, George H.W. Bush worked to be elected to the U.S. Senate - he didn't win but he didn't give up either. In 1967, George H.W. Bush tried again to be elected to a public office, this time he won and was able to serve as a Representative of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives

### #9, #64 Working for Peace

After serving in the U.S. Congress, President Nixon asked George H.W. Bush to be the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Look at all the pictures on the wall and see the statue of George H.W. Bush - it shows him listening and talking to people in the United Nations to help build world peace

### #11 Challenge of the Unknown

George and Barbara Bush were sent to China to help build a good relationship with this country. Walk through the pagoda and look at the pictures of the Bushes and their family in China. Can you tell from the picture how George and Barbara traveled from place to place in China - that right they rode their bicycles!

### #12 A firm "Yes"

In 1976 George H.W. Bush was made director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The CIA watches what other countries are doing to make sure no one wants to hurt the United States.

Look up - do you see the satellite - it represents a spy satellite. Someone put your hand on the handprint - now watch as the satellite finds your location on earth. Open the drawers and look at some of the things spies used to get information to protect our country.

Go behind the tall wall

### #13 A journey to Presidency

George H.W. Bush served as Vice-President to Ronald Reagan for 2 terms (8 years). The Vice-President is a very important job. If something happens to the President then the vice-president takes over and runs the country.

### #14 Mr. President

In 1988 George H.W. Bush is elected the 41st President of the United States.

The long blue dress is the dress Barbara Bush wore at the ball (dance) to celebrate George's election as president.

### #15 The President and Mrs. Bush request

This table is decorated for a special meal for guests from other countries who come to visit and talk with the President of the United States. The tuxedo suit is one that was worn by President George H.W. Bush and the gown was worn by his wife Barbara. Look at the table - how many glasses are at each table setting. (4- that's a lot of glasses - image having to do the dishes after this meal)

### #16 The Seat of Power

This room is set up to look just like the office of President George H.W. Bush. Many important meetings took place in this office. President Bush loved his family and always keeps lots of pictures in his office. If you open the 2nd drawer below the telephone you will see what else he always kept in his office.

### #17 Domestic Leadership

This wall shows pictures of some of the important laws that were passed while President Bush was in office. Probably one of the most important was the American with Disabilities Act to help people with disabilities have equal rights and access to a fair life.

### #18 Gifts of State

Wow! Just take a look at all the gifts that were given to President Bush while he was president. The president doesn't get to keep the gifts that other countries give him, the gifts actually belong to everyone who lives in the United States. Which one is your favorite? Did you see the castle made out of gold - it weighs about 200 pounds. (That's probably as much as 4-5 pre-k students)

### #20 Camp David

This is one of President Bush's favorite places to go on vacation. This room represents the office he had at his vacation place in Maine - even on vacation the president still had to be able to work if he was needed. Can you find the dog treat dispenser by the president's desk? This was for their dog Millie.

### #21 The Age of Freedom

The large piece of concrete was part of the Berlin Wall. In 1961, two groups were fighting over what type of government Germany and its capital Berlin would have. On the West side, the government wanted people to have freedom to live, work and play however they wanted but on the East side, the government wanted everyone to have the same things so they control how people lived, worked and played. Life was very different for people depending on which side of Berlin they lived in. People from the east side were always trying to move to the west side so one day the government on the east side built a giant wall to stop people from moving. Look at the piece of the wall - can you tell which side of the wall was on the west side where people had lots of freedom and which side was on the east side where people were controlled by the government?

### #22 Crisis Management and Situation Room

This is a very important room in the White House. If there is a major problem in the United States or one of the countries that is our friend then the President meets with all of his advisors to come up with a plan of action in this room. The president has a lot of advisors so that is why there are so many chairs.

### #23 Where Duty Requires Us to Stand

In 1990 Iraq invaded Kuwait and took over the smaller country. Kuwait was an ally (friend) of the U.S. President Bush and many other countries told Iraq that what they were doing was wrong and demanded that the country of Iraq leave Kuwait and let them be free again. The leader of Iraq, Saddam Hussain, refused to leave Kuwait so the United States along with 35 other countries started fighting a war to force Iraq to leave Kuwait. By February of 1991, most of the Iraqi military had been defeated and Kuwait was not free.

### #24 & #25 Eco-Terrorism

As Saddam Hussain and the Iraqi army left Kuwait they set fire to the oil wells in Kuwait. Creating lots of damage and pollution. A company out of Houston, Texas was sent to Kuwait to help put out the fires. The people of Kuwait were so thankful for United States help in gaining their freedom that they gave the "door" to their country as a symbol of friendship.

### #27, #28 & #30 A Life of Service

This is George H.W. Bush's boat - Fidelity. President Bush loved to go fishing on his boat. Can you find the parachutes - After retiring from the presidency, George H.W. Bush wanted a special way to celebrate his birthday - so every 5 years he would jump out of a plane with a parachute. Can you find the crazy socks - George H.W. Bush's signature look always included fun socks. After his presidency, George and Barbara Bush continued to serve the people of the United States by volunteering to help people in many different ways. They encouraged everyone to help one another and make this world a better place.

As you leave the museum, check out the newest addition. This is a statue of Sully. Sully was the service dog that helped former president Bush during the last 6 months of his life. Sully could open doors, pick up things, even help President Bush stand up.