

Nurturing Curiosity through Exploration

Let's look at how curiosity can drive audience centered experiences. Take a moment to warm up your curiosity by reading the following prompt and responding in your own words.

Dear Visitor,

The year is 2218. The world cannot see the stars anymore because of global light pollution. You have been sent back to the past to this dark sky sanctuary.

Look up at the stars.

What do you see? What do you feel?

What is your message to the future?

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How do these questions encourage you to explore your own thoughts?

After responding to this prompt, what do you want to explore further?

Thinking outside the box...

During Grand Canyon's 2018 Star Party, a vintage cassette tape recorder was placed in a quiet location and visitors were invited to share their responses to the same prompt. Park Ranger Rader Lane's installation showed curiosity in visitors. Following the event, he was inspired to use their voices in the digital art series *Night Spoken*: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OM0hfl2gy_s

After watching the video, what's the lasting impression?

How does *Night Spoken* encourage exploration?

How might *Night Spoken* limit exploration?

As an Interpreter, you can spark curiosity in visitors by developing questions that encourage them to explore "outside of the box." Rader's *Night Spoken* product celebrates visitor expression by elevating their voice into a creative piece of art. Now, it's your turn to nurture the curiosity of your visitors through a topic of your choice.

Craft your own question that inspires exploration:

Brainstorm ways that you could elevate the visitors' exploration of your question: