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COMM 101R: Public Speaking

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Define and Describe Speech – Chrysler Museum of Art

Central Purpose: To define and describe.

Specific Purpose: To define and describe the Chrysler Museum to the audience.

Central Idea: To inform the audience about the Chrysler Museum.

Thesis Statement: By the end of my speech, the audience will know what the Chrysler Museum is, the layout of the museum, and what it has to offer.

I. Introduction

How many of you have been to the Chrysler Museum of Art? If you have not been to the Chrysler Museum, maybe my speech will encourage you to go. The Chrysler Museum has something for everyone, and it is a great place to visit year-round. Whether you're young, old or an inbetweeners you will enjoy your trip to the museum. You can take your date to the Chrysler Museum, you can go after brunch or just enjoy one of your free days at the Museum. Did you know that The Chrysler Museum is built into a general education class offer at ODU! If you haven't taken your creative behavior class yet, I suggest taking Intro to Visual Arts. This class will require you to visit a local museum and the Chrysler is one of options. The museum is an amazing place to visit and does not disappoint. Today, I will describe what the Chrysler Museum of Art is, the layout of the museum, and what it has to offer.

Transition Statement: First, I'll give you all some background information on the Chrysler Museum.

Body

II. Background

- a. The Chrysler Museum opened in 1933.
- b. The museum original name was The Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences.
- c. The Chrysler Museum of Art was renamed after Walter Chrysler Jr.
- d. It was named after him because of the large donation his wife made of his personal art collection.

Transition – Next, I'll be discussing the important things to know before visiting the Chrysler.

III. What is it? Where is it?, what are the hours of operation?

- a. The Chrysler Museum of Art is an art museum.
- b. The museum is located in Norfolk, Virginia.
- c. The Chrysler Museum is between downtown Norfolk and the Neon district.
- d. The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from 12pm to 5pm.
- e. The museum is closed on Mondays.
- f. **Fun Fact – Most art museums are closed on Mondays; this trend started in Europe and continued in America. (Does anyone know why?)**

Transition – I’ve told you all what the Chrysler Museum is, where its located and its hours of operation; now, let’s discuss The Chrysler Museum.

IV. The Chrysler

- a. Visiting the Chrysler Museum is free
- b. The museum houses almost 30,000 works of art.
- c. The museum has different exhibits on display year-round.
- d. The museum has different works of art like paintings, sculptures, pottery, glass, and photography.
- e. There is a theater on the first floor, toward the back of the museum.
- f. The museums gift shop and café are located on the first floor to the left of the welcome desk.
- g. The Chrysler offers guided tours of the museum.

Transition- Now I will discuss the layout of the museum

V. The layout of the 1st and 2nd floor

- a. The museum has two floors.
- b. There are 6 galleries on each floor.
- c. The exhibitions on the first floor are the Special Exhibitions gallery, Community Gallery, Ancient Worlds and Non-Western Art, Family & Student Gallery, Porcelain, and the Glass Galleries
- d. The Glass Galleries is on the right across from the welcome desk
- e. the other galleries are on the left side and towards the back of the museum.
- f. There’s also a touch friendly gallery located further back on the first floor, near the theater.
- g. European Art, American Art, European & American Art, Modern Contemporary Art, Photography, and the focus gallery are located on the 2nd floor.
- h. These collections are organized in chronological order, from the earliest time to the latest.

Transition: Lastly, I’m going to discuss the best exhibition the museum has to offer.

VI. The best exhibition

- a. The best exhibition in my opinion is the Multiple Modernism exhibition.
- b. This exhibition will be on display until 2019.
- c. This exhibition is located on the 2nd floor.
- d. You all have plenty of time to go see it.
- e. The exhibition contains, abstract pieces, interactive pieces, and life size paintings.
- f. I highly recommend visiting this exhibition the next time you visit the museum.

Transition: In conclusion

VII. Conclusion

In conclusion, I hope my speech has prepared you all for your future visit to the Chrysler. Tonight, I've described the Chrysler Museum, what it is, its location, and hours of operation. I also discussed the layout of the museum and the Multiple Modernism exhibition. The next time you're bored at home, must plan a date or want to do something different visit the Chrysler Museum.

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