

Lake of the Seven Cities - Structure/content of a blended exhibition

STEP 1: Plan the theme, set the goals

Main theme of the exhibition:	The main theme of this exhibition is the
	Lake of the Seven Cities in the Azores.
	The focus will be on the natural
	environment (morphology and geology of
	the Azores, the lake and the Seven Cities
	volcano), the fauna and flora of the area
	and the culture and history of the area.
Educational goals of the	Enrich the students' knowledge
exhibition:	about the natural environment and
	geography of the Azores
	Foster student collaboration in the
	development of the exhibits
	 Enrich students' vocabulary with a
	variety of words, with a focus on
	museum vocabulary
	• Strengthen students' respect for the
	natural environment and highlight
	the importance to preserve them.



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STEP 2: Develop sub-themes

Sub-sections	Sub-themes
1. Morphology and Geology	Geomorphological characteristics of the
	region
	Geology – Volcano of the Seven Cities
2. Flora and Fauna	Natural heritage
	Wildlife of the area of Sete Cidades
	Flora in the area of Sete Cidades
3. Culture and History	Cultural background of the settlement of
	people in the Azores and in particular in the
	area of the Seven Cities
	A legend surrounding the origin of the lake
	of the seven cities

STEP 3: Create an object list

	Name of the object	Туре	Sub-section	Creation
1.	Sete Cidades –	Digital and	Morphology and	Yes
	Interactive map	tangible	Geology	
	Interactive map with the			
	morphology of the area			
	of the Sete Cidades			
	(Seven Cities)			
	(accessible through QR			
	code)			
2.	Photo gallery and	Tangible	Morphology and	Yes
	geological		Geology	
	characteristics of the			



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	caldera of the Sete			
	Cidades volcano			
3.	Video of drone view of	Digital	Flora and Fauna	No
	the Lake of the Seven			
	Cities			
4.	Gallery of	Tangible	Flora and Fauna	Yes
	paintings/drawings of the			
	flora and fauna of the			
	Azores			
5.	Play of the legend of the	Tangible and	Socio-historical	Yes
	Lake of the Seven Cities	Digital	context	
	(once performed in real			
	time and recorded to be			
	played in a loop later)			
6.	6.	Picture Gallery	Tangible	Socio-
		in the shape of		historical
		a timeline of the		context
		history of the		
		discovery and		
		settlement in the		
		Azores and the		
		area of Sete		
		Cidades (Seven		
		Cities)		

STEP 4: Design your exhibition

Proposed floorplan:

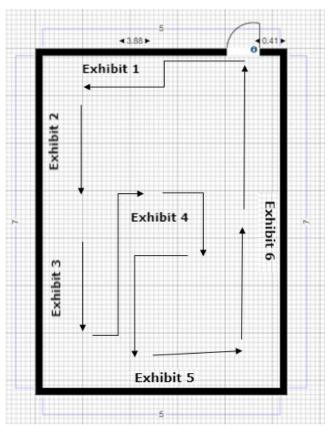
On the proposed floorplan, the visitor enters the room, turning right, where they see exhibit 1, then move forward along the wall to see a photo gallery (exhibit 2) and look at the video of exhibit 3. Then, they will move to the middle of the room, where they will find display stands with a gallery of paintings/drawings. They will then move on to the back of the room, where they will see a recording of a play made by the students



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(Exhibit 5) and then they turn to exhibit 6, which is a timeline of the settlement of the Azores, with pictures.



Sub-sections	Object arrangement	Object display
1. Morphology	Interactive map with the	A map of the island of San Miguel
and Geology	morphology of the island of	in the Azores, accessible by QR
	São Miguel in the Azores	code, with clickable items that
		lead to explanations of
		morphological characteristics of
		the island of São Miguel.
	Photo gallery and	Display of printed pictures of the
	geological characteristics	caldera of the Sete Cidades
	of the caldera of the Sete	volcano and other interesting
	Cidades volcano	geological aspects of the region
		hung on the wall, with
		descriptions.





2. Flora and	Video of drone view of the	Display on a TV screen or
Fauna	Lake of the Seven Cities	projector.
	Gallery of	Paintings and drawings of the
	paintings/drawings of the	students displayed on stands in
	flora and fauna of the	the middle of the room.
	Azores	
3. Culture and	Play of the legend of the	Performed once in real time and
History	Lake of the Seven Cities	recorded to be played in a loop
		later, by being projected on a
		wall.
	Picture Gallery of the	This gallery is organized as a
	history and cultural	timeline, starting from the
	background of the	discovery of the Azores by the
	discovery and settlement	Portuguese seafarer Diogo de
	in the Azores and the area	Silves in 1427, with relevant facts
	of Sete Cidades (Seven	about the settlement on the island
	Cities)	and culture until the current
		times.

STEP 5: Develop texts

Panels

Object labels

To build this exhibition, four panels are necessary. One introductory panel, which will introduce the exhibition to the visitors, and 3 sections panels. The panels should be vertical, with dimensions 1,5 m in height and 70cm in width. The font size can be 150pt for the title and 72pt for the text, depending on the space that the exhibition occupies.





The Lake of the Seven Cities in the Azores

Join us on a journey through the Azores and the Lake of the Seven Cities, and area rich in cultural heritage.

This exhibition will take you through the morphology and geology of the area, the fauna and flora and the culture and history of the area.

Morphology and Geology

The Azores are a geologically rich area with striking geomorphological characteristics. The caldera of the volcano of Sete Cidades is one of the most remarkable places in the whole archipelago, being the home to the village of Sete Cidades and a twin lake, with a blue lagoon to the east and a green lagoon to the west – the Lagoa das Sete Cidades (Lake of the Seven Cities).

The Lake of the Seven Cities is located in the crater of the Volcano of the Seven Cities, which raises from the depths of the sea and has rocks that are thousands of years old. Find out more in this section of the exhibition.

Flora and Fauna

The soil and climatic conditions and the abundance of water in the Protected Landscape area of Sete Cidades lead to a wealth of zoological and botanical species.

When it comes flora, the great variety of moss is to be highlighted, with around 250 different species.

The area is also rich in wildlife, particularly on the level of avian and fish species.

Culture and History

The archipelago of the Azores was discovered in 1427 by the Portuguese seafarer Diogo de Silves.

The area of Sete Cidades n the island of São Miguel has an interesting cultural past and brings to mind stories and legends linked to its twin lake. In the 18th century, the first settlers came to the area and the descendants of these families can still be found there. In this section, you can enjoy the



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Exhibit 1 (taped on the wall)

The island of São Miguel in the Azores has rich geomorphological characteristics. The area of Sete Cidades is located in the crater of a volcano and the Lake of Seven had a great eruption which gave origin to the Lake of Seven Cities. Scan the QR code to access the area of the Lake of Seven and explore the morphological conditions of Sete Cidades.

Exhibit 2 (taped on the wall)

The volcano of Sete Cidades occupies most of the Western part of the island of São Miguel and its top is truncated by a voulcanic depression - the caldera of Sete Cidades. Take a look through the gallery to find out more about the geological characteristics of the area.

Exhibit 3 (taped on the wall)

The Lake of the Seven Cities is known for its green vegetation and the different colours of its twin lagoons, one green and one blue. Take a journey through the green and blue shores of the lake and enjoy the scenery, with its diversity in flora and fauna.

Exhibit 4 (taped on the wall)

The Azores have long been a source of inspiration for artists. Our students were inspired by the green landscapes and abundance of wildlife to create a





gallery of paintings and drawings that capture the beauty of the island of São Miguel.

Exhibit 5 (taped on the wall)

The area of Sete Cidades is known for its stories and legends. Surely something as beautiful as the Lake of Seven Cities must have had supernatural origins! This play, interpreted by our students, tells the story of one of the legends surrounding the creation of the lake – the story of the doomed love of a princess with green eyes and a shepherd with blue eyes, like the blue and green lagoons of the twin lake of the Seven Cities.

Exhibit 6 (taped on the wall)

The Azores were discovered by the Portuguese seafarer Diogo de Silves in 1427, and the area of the Seven Cities on the island of São Miguel has had a settlement since the 18th century. Take a look at the timeline that represents the cultural evolution of the area since the discovery of the Azores and find out more about its population, their way of life and culture.



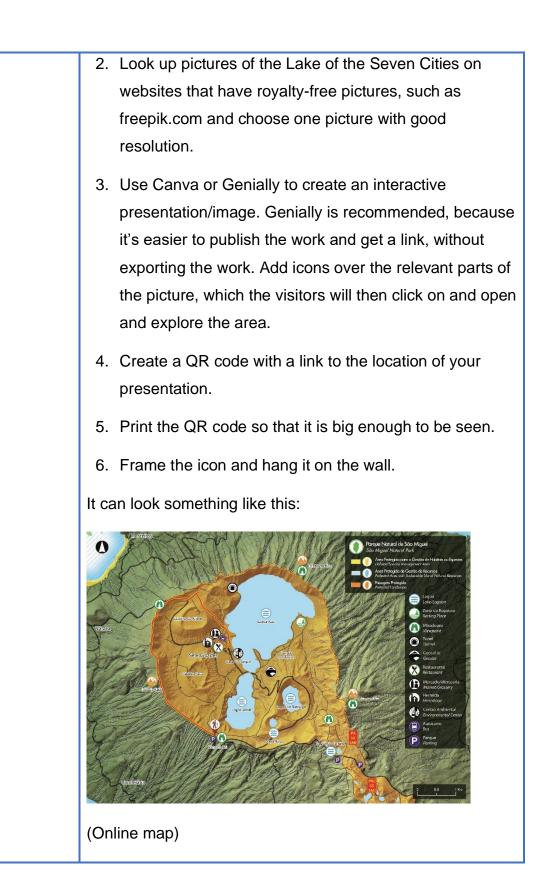


STEP 6: Construct your exhibition & exhibits

Sub-section:	Morphology and Geology
Exhibit number:	No 1
Name of the exhibit:	Journey through Sete Cidades
Type of exhibit:	Digital
Recommended	4 hours
preparation time:	
Required students:	One group of 3 to 5 students, but more students can join.
Brief description:	A picture of the area of Seven Cities with clickable icons that lets the visitor know more about the morphological characteristics of the area
Materials and/or	A computer and Internet access. Paper and a frame, or
tools needed:	cardboard to make a frame, printer.
Dimensions of the	The exhibit should be created on a platform that allows the
exhibit:	creation of interactive presentations, such as Canva or
	Genially. The QR code should be printed on paper and
	should be 20x20 cm.
Step by step	1. Research the morphological characteristics of the area
construction	of the Seven Cities and collect a fair number of them
instructions:	(five or six items), making sure they are easily identifiable on an image.











Scan the code
(QR code to be scanned by visitors)

Sub-section:	Morphology and Geology
Exhibit number:	No 2
Name of the exhibit:	Volcano of Sete Cidades: a photo gallery
Type of exhibit:	Physical
Recommended preparation time:	2-3 days
Required students:	2-5 students
Brief description:	A photographic gallery of the parts of the volcano of Sete Cidades and the types of rocks that are part of it, with labels.
Materials and/or tools needed:	Laptop and printer, paper (photo paper if possible), frames (or cardboard for handmade frames).





Dimensions of the	The size of the photographs for the gallery should be	
exhibit:	diverse, ranging from A3 to A6.	
Step by step	1. Research the geological characteristics of the area of the	
construction	volcano of Sete Cidades, selecting 10-15 characteristics and	
instructions:	pictures of them (for example the volcano's caldera, different	
	types of rocks (limestone, pumice stone, ignimbrite, trachyte,	
	obsidian, basalt), fajãs lávicas (a specific type of terrain	
	characteristic of the area).	
	2. Create labels for the photographs with some information	
	about the geological feature.	
	3. Print the photographs of your chosen size. It's nice to	
	have a mixture of small and big photos.	
	4. Put the photos in the frames or make the frames out of	
	cardboard.	
	5. Long the photographs and the lobels on the well, it	
	5. Hang the photographs and the labels on the wall. It	
	should look something like this:	

Sub-section:	Flora and Fauna
Exhibit number:	No 3
Name of the exhibit:	View of the Lake of Seven Cities





Type of exhibit:	Digital
Recommended preparation time:	1 hour
Required students:	2
Brief description:	This element consists of the display of a video of a drone view of the Lake of the Seven Cities.
Materials and/or	1 big screen/TV connected to a computer and Internet,
tools needed:	Video (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYZVPzAunv8</u>)
	Paper and printer to print a label
Dimensions of the	The TV should be big enough to be seen from a couple of
exhibit:	meters distance and also to have a good impact on the
	audience (at least 55 inches are recommended).
Step by step	1. Hang the TV on the wall and, if possible, connect it to a
construction	laptop (either via screen sharing or an HDMI cable).
instructions:	2. Create a label to put next to the TV.
	3. Go to YouTtube, access the video and put it on a loop
	(right-click on the video and choose the Loop option) and put
	it on full screen.

Sub-section:	Flora and Fauna
Exhibit number:	No 4
Name of the exhibit:	Art gallery of flora and fauna
Type of exhibit:	Tangible





Recommended	2 weeks
preparation time:	
Required students:	3-10
Brief description:	This is a gallery of artworks created by the students
Materials and/or	Arts and crafts materials (paper, pencils, markers, paint,
tools needed:	canvas, brushes, etc.)
Dimensions of the	There is no specific format to the artworks, but they should
exhibit:	fit the space in the exhibition dedicated to this exhibit. It is
	recommended that more or less 10 artworks are created.
Step by step	1. Research about the plants and wildlife of the island of São
construction	Miguel, to be used as inspiration for the artworks
instructions:	 Create the artworks. Students are free to choose the format and medium, but they should represent either plants or animals of the island of São Miguel Create labels for the artworks Hang the artworks and the labels on the displays. The result should be something like this:

Sub-section:	Culture and History
Exhibit number:	No 5
Name of the exhibit:	The Legend of the Seven Cities
Type of exhibit:	Intangible and Digital
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Recommended	1 week
preparation time:	
Required students:	3 students to act in the play and one or more to film and edit
Brief description:	The students will perform a short play representing the
	Legend of the Lake of the Seven Cities (see e-book about
	the Lake of the Seven cities created in the IO3 of the
	POEME project)
Materials and/or	POEME Lake of the Seven Cities e-book
tools needed:	Camera, lights
	Costumes (if possible, if not accessories to represent the
	different characters – crown for the princess and the king
	and a herding staff for the shepherd)
	Film editing software
	Subtitling software
	Projector and computer
Dimensions of the	This element is a play, which will be performed live once by
exhibit:	the students, and also recorded to be played as a projection
	on a loop afterwards. The play should be short, no more
	than 10 minutes.
Step by step	1. Read the e-book
construction instructions:	2. Create a script for the play
	3. Choose actors
	4- Practice the play
	5- Record the play
	6 – Perform the play once at the exhibition
	7 – Set up a projector and a laptop and project the play on
	the wall on a loop





Sub-section:	Culture and History
Exhibit number:	No 6
Name of the exhibit:	The Seven Cities timeline
Type of exhibit:	Tangible
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Recommended	3 days
preparation time:	o days
Required students:	5
Brief description:	This consists of a timeline that starts with the discovery of
• •	the Azores, the settlement of the island of São Miguel and
	then the area of Seven Cities, with relevant cultural
	facts/elements such as photos.
Materials and/or	Computer with internet access and printer
tools needed:	Paper
	Blu tack /another product to fixate the elements on the wall
Dimensions of the	The element should occupy around
exhibit:	2 meters of a wall.
Step by step	1. Research cultural facts about the Azores, the island of
construction	São Miguel and the area of Sete Cidades
instructions:	2. Select 10-15 facts to add to the timeline
	3. Collect resources concerning these facts (pictures, texts)
	4. Write the texts to be included in the exhibit
	5. Design elements of the timeline (line, arrows, etc)









