

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

The Buffalo Bill Museum introduces the life of William F. Cody, also known as Buffalo Bill, and tells his story as a "Man of the West" who became a "Man of the World".

BUFFALO BILL'S GUN

■ The "Lucretia Borgia" was Buffalo Bill's favorite gun. He named it after a character, who was a deadly woman, in an Italian opera. Buffalo Bill used the gun when he hunted buffalo to feed the army. He may have killed over 4,000 buffalo during his time hunting and scouting on the plains.

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BEAVER TRIM COAT

This coat is made of buffalo hide with beaver fur trim. Buffalo Bill wore it when he was a scout in the army. Scouts were excellent trackers and outdoorsmen. They went ahead of the group to search for food, water, and danger. Buffalo Bill was considered one of the best.

BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST & THE DEADWOOD STAGECOACH

Cowboys, Native Americans, horsemen, and sharpshooters put on a magnificent display in Buffalo Bill's Wild West, which showed a view of the American West to the world. The Deadwood Stagecoach was used for about seven years in Buffalo Bill's Wild West. Buffalo Bill invited volunteers from the audience to ride on the stagecoach during the attack!



ANNIE OAKLEY

Annie Oakley was one of the audience's favorite performers in Buffalo Bill's Wild West. Sitting Bill called her "Little Sure Shot" due to her superb sharpshooting ability. One of her favorite tricks was to shoot coins from the hand of her husband, Frank Butler.



OUEEN VICTORIA AND THE WILD WEST

The Wild West traveled all over the world. Advance men arrived early in each city to put up posters for the performances. This enormous poster shows William F. Cody bowing to Queen Victoria when the Wild West performed for her in London.



William F. Cody started the Cody Enterprise in 1899. He and his partner printed the newspaper on this press. Today, the *Cody Enterprise* still reports the news for Cody, Wyoming.





now it's your turn:

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



tell your side of the story

What area or object of the Buffalo Bill Museum was *your* favorite? And why?

Was there one area or object that **you** had not thought about before visiting the museum? What did **you** learn?

just the facts:

William F. Cody was one of the most famous people in the world at one time. What are three things we remember him for today?

Compare the Deadwood Stagecoach act and Annie Oakley's act in Buffalo Bill's Wild West.





Why do **you** think William F. Cody chose to wear a coat made of buffalo hide and trimmed with beaver fur? Summarize why Cody was an important scout in the army.

let's make it relevant

What would **you** like to be remembered for someday?

How are the movies you watch the same and different from Buffalo Bill's Wild West?



The big question

How do **you** think Buffalo Bill told the story of the West?

Explain one of these stories and think about how **you** might tell the story differently.



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