As you explore this exhibition, you will see bright and colorful paintings, elaborate jewelry, and many beautiful objects used in the traditions of Jodhpur, India.

India is a very large country with many artistic and cultural traditions. Look at the map to see where Jodhpur is located within India. Most of the artworks you will see today come from this city in the region of Rajasthan.

This guide will share some of the stories behind the artworks in this show. Are you ready to learn more? Let’s get started!
Join the royal wedding celebration! Explore the gallery and imagine that you are a part of the procession. What do you see? What do you hear? Write a postcard home describing all that you’ve seen!

**THE ROYAL WEDDING PROCESSION**

Throughout this exhibition you will see many animals: proud peacocks, elegant elephants, and terrific tigers! Can you find each of the animals below as you explore the galleries?

**ANIMALS APLENTY!**

Peacocks

Horses

Tigers

Camels

Elephants

Dear ________________________________,

(name)

Hello from __________________________! Today we saw a royal wedding procession! We first saw the groom sitting on top of an _______________ that was covered in a cloth made of _______________ with _______________ thread. The groom was sitting in a chair called a howdah with an _______________ for shade.

Surrounding the animal were men carrying jhandas. These flags have _______________ colored stripes. The bride was hidden in a covered seat called a palanquin and followed by musicians playing _______________ and _______________.

It was wonderful to be a part of the celebration! Wish you were here!

From, ________________________________

(your name)
The Rathores—a royal dynasty of Northern India—trace their roots to a group of Hindu warriors, rulers, and gods. Many of the paintings in this exhibition tell the stories of these ancestors. Can you find a painting called *The Predecessors of Rama: Folio 2 from the Suraj Prakash*?

Look at the painting closely. What are the ancestors wearing? Are they holding anything in their hands? Do they look calm or excited? What might they be thinking about?

Now it’s your turn to draw four people who are important to you!
Are you wearing anything on your head today? Maybe a hat, a baseball cap, a headband, or a scarf? In Marwar—a region of Northwestern India—men typically wear a turban called a *Paag*. Different patterns, colors, and ways of wrapping have different meanings. For example, a yellow turban is often worn in the spring and symbolizes happiness.

Draw a piece of clothing you like to wear, then write a sentence describing what it means to you or how it makes you feel.
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Find the paintings with the figures shown below and then use your own body to mimic the poses!

TRAVELING IN STYLE

Imagine you are royalty in India 500 years ago and you’re traveling around the country. Where will you sleep at night? Inside of this tent, of course! The tent is called the Lal Dera. Notice the rich color, detailed patterns, and silver thread used to decorate this shelter.

If you were going on a journey to explore India, what would you take along? Use the space below to draw what you want to put in your suitcase.

STRIKE A POSE

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