

## Experience Music Project

EMP is a leading-edge, non-profit museum in Seattle, located next to the Space Needle. It is dedicated to the ideas and risk-taking that fuel contemporary popular culture. With its roots in rock and roll, EMP serves as a gateway museum, reaching multigenerational audiences through its collections, exhibitions and educational programs, using interactive technologies to engage and empower its visitors. At EMP, artists, audiences and ideas converge, bringing understanding, interpretation and scholarship to the popular culture of our time.

Go to: <http://www.empmuseum.org/>

### A. Visit

- 1 Can you visit the museum on December 26? Is it unusual for museums, stores, and other places to be open to the public on December 26? What does that tell you?
- 2 How much would it cost you to get in on December 26 with two parents, a 9-year-old brother, your best friend, and yourself?

### B. Exhibitions – *Avatar*

- 1 When is the last day of the *Avatar* exhibition?
- 2 List the highlights of the *Avatar* exhibition.
- 3 Watch the first interview clip about *Avatar*. What are the two main stories that Brooks Peck, the museum's associate curator, is talking about?
- 4 What does James Cameron, who directed *Avatar*, mean by 'tactile reality'?

### C. Exhibitions – *Nirvana*

- 1 What is the official title of the Nirvana exhibition? From when to when does it run?
- 2 Where was Nirvana from, and what was their music style called?
- 3 Watch the interview with Chad Channing, as he discusses the early years of the band. How long was he in the band? What instrument did he play?
- 4 How did the album *Bleach* change things for Nirvana?

### D. Sound and Vision – Artists Tell Their Stories

- 1 Watch the *The Art of Rhyming* video clip. What does Kid Creole share about rhyming 'off the top of one's head'?

- 2 Write down as many rhyme words from Rahiem's rap as you can.
- 3 Listen to Doug E. Fresh's 'drumming'. What is this voice 'technique' called?

## **E. Past exhibitions**

Browse the list of past exhibitions. Which one would have been your favourite to see? Why?