



## Vocabulary

**Africa** – continent south of Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, the second largest (after Asia)

**Aphrodite** – the Greek goddess of love and beauty.

**Architecture** – the style in which buildings are designed

**Art Object** – the work made by an artist. Generally made to be beautiful or have meaning, not to have a practical function

**Arctic** - the North Pole and the area surrounding

**Arctic Ocean** – the ocean surrounding the North Pole (the smallest of the world's 5 oceans), very cold

**Artifact** – a human made or modified object

**Biblot** – a French word meaning small, decorative trinket

**Butterfly** – a thin insect with large, often brightly colored wings

**Conchologist** – a scientist who studies seashells and the animals who create and live in them

**Coral** – a type of marine animal which may form a reef when thousands of the same kind of tiny coral organisms come together. These organisms secrete a hard substance to form a rigid body. Found in the ocean. The floor in the grotto is from the Florida Keys.

**Decorative art** – ornamental and functional works in mediums that differ from the fine arts (painting, drawing, photography, large scale sculpture)

**Design** – a plan, drawing or outline made to serve as a guide or pattern for something that could be built or made

**Diamond** – a very hard, clear, precious stone. The hardest natural mineral known. A large percentage of the world's diamonds come from Russia, Australia, and several areas in Africa. Diamonds are also found in other places including the US and Canada. Diamonds are formed from carbon under a great deal of pressure.

**Elephant** – a large gray mammal with a long trunk and ivory tusks that lives in India or Africa. The largest land animals alive today. Live on savannas and in forests. Are endangered.

**Endangered Species** – a type of plant or animal that is in danger of becoming extinct or dying out either because of low numbers, changing environment, or predators (which may include humans)

**English Style Windows** – the multi-pane, rounded windows seen on front of the library and jewel room

**Flamingo** – a pink bird with a long neck, long legs, and webbed feet. Live in tropical areas, such as in South America and Africa, near water.

**Fossil** – the remains or traces of an animal or plant from millions of years ago, preserved as rock

**French Style Parquet Floor** - a mosaic of wood used for ornamental flooring

**Gemstone** – a precious stone, such as a diamond, ruby or emerald. A highly attractive and valuable piece of mineral, which — when cut and polished — is used in jewelry or other adornments

**Gold** – a precious metal, often used in jewelry or money. A mineral mined all around the world.

**Greek Columns** – column architecture began thousands of years ago in ancient Greece. There are three orders (types) of columns – Doric (plain, round capitals and no base), Ionic (large base and two scrolls on the capital), and Corinthian (the most decorative, the capital has 4 scrolls and leaf designs).

**Grotto** – a natural or artificial cave used by humans. Concept comes from Europe in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**India** – A country in Southern Asia. Has the second largest population in the world (China has the largest).

**Indian Ocean** – the Ocean south of Asia, between Africa and Australia

**Inuit people** – a group of people from the Arctic, north of Canada, Alaska and Greenland (also called Eskimos)

**Jamaica** - an island nation in the Caribbean Sea

**Miniature** – smaller than usual size

**Mosaic** – a pattern or picture made up of small pieces of (usually) colored stone, tile, or glass

**Museum** – a place where objects of art, science, or history are kept and displayed for people to see and learn from

**Neptune** – the Roman god of the sea

**Ostrich** – a large African bird that can run very fast but cannot fly. The largest of all living birds. Often weighs as much as 300 pounds.

**Porcelain** – very fine, very hard pottery. The first porcelain came from China.

**Precious metal** - a rare metallic chemical element of high economic value.

**Rainforest** – a dense, tropical forest where a large amount of rain falls

**Replica** – an exact copy of something, especially a copy made on a smaller scale than the original

**Rhinoceros** – a large mammal from Africa and Asia that has thick skin and one or two large horns on its nose. Are endangered.

**Sailor's Valentine** – wooden boxes with complex shell designs. In the 1800's sailors bring these home from their voyages at sea to their loved ones. Most were actually made and purchased in Barbados.

**Scale** – the ratio between the measurements on a map or model and the actual measurements

**Seashell** – the hard outer covering of a sea animal

**Sketch** – a rough drawing of something

**South America** – A continent in the Western Hemisphere. It is south of The United States. The 4<sup>th</sup> largest continent.

**Specimen** – something natural. An individual used to represent and study the whole population.

**Swordfish** – a large saltwater fish with a sword like bill sticking out from its upper jaw. This a commonly eaten fish. It was at one time endangered but due to protection efforts its stock has been nearly replenished.

**Thai Roof** – high, steeply sloped roof tops popular in traditional architecture in Thailand.

**Threatened Species** – one that is likely to become endangered in the near future

**Turtle** – a reptile that can pull its head, legs and tail into its shell for protection. Turtles live on both land and water.

**Whale** – a large sea animal that looks like a fish, but is actually a mammal that breathes air