Template for a Written Lesson Plan for a Garden Tour

2019 Garden Docent Training

Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens

(Note: sections above the line are not spoken to visitors; they are only expressed in writing by the docent.)

Audience: Intelligent, curious adults with little to no knowledge of the tour’s subjects

Objective: As a result of participating in this tour, visitors will be better able to:

1. Describe/Discuss/Identify (feel free to choose one of these words & complete the rest of the sentence)
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Tour Path: A (could also be B or C)

Theme:

(Note: sections below are spoken to visitors.)

Introduction, aka Advance Organizer (find out what visitors already know, give a brief overview, and introduce the theme):

Hook Question:

Motor Court(5 minutes, including the above introduction)

*Design*

*Transition from Design to Features*

*Features*

*Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today*

*MMP/Museum Today*

*Transition to next room*

Cutting Garden (5 minutes, including walking to next room)

*Design*

*Transition from Design to Features*

*Features*

*Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today*

*MMP/Museum Today*

*Transition to next room*

Lunar Lawn(9 minutes, including walking to next room)

*Design*

*Transition from Design to Features*

*Features*

*Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today*

*MMP/Museum Today*

*Transition to next room*

French Parterre(9 minutes, including walking to next room)

*Design*

*Transition from Design to Features*

*Features*

*Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today*

*MMP/Museum Today*

*Transition to next room*

Rose Garden(9 minutes, including walking to next room)

*Design*

*Transition from Design to Features*

*Features*

*Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today*

*MMP/Museum Today*

*Transition to next room*

Friendship Walk/Four Seasons Overlook(9 minutes, including walking to next room)

*Design*

*Transition from Design to Features*

*Features*

*Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today*

*MMP/Museum Today*

*Transition to next room*

Putting Green(5 minutes, including walking to next room)

*Design*

*Transition from Design to Features*

*Features*

*Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today*

*MMP/Museum Today*

*Transition to next room*

Japanese-style Garden (9 minutes, including walking to next room)

*Design*

*Transition from Design to Features*

*Features*

*Transition from Features to MMP/Museum Today*

*MMP/Museum Today*

*Transition to Conclusion*

Conclusion (a summary of the experience):

Concluding question assessing visitors’ take-aways:

Sources: list those consulted