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# Activity Guide

for kids and their grownups

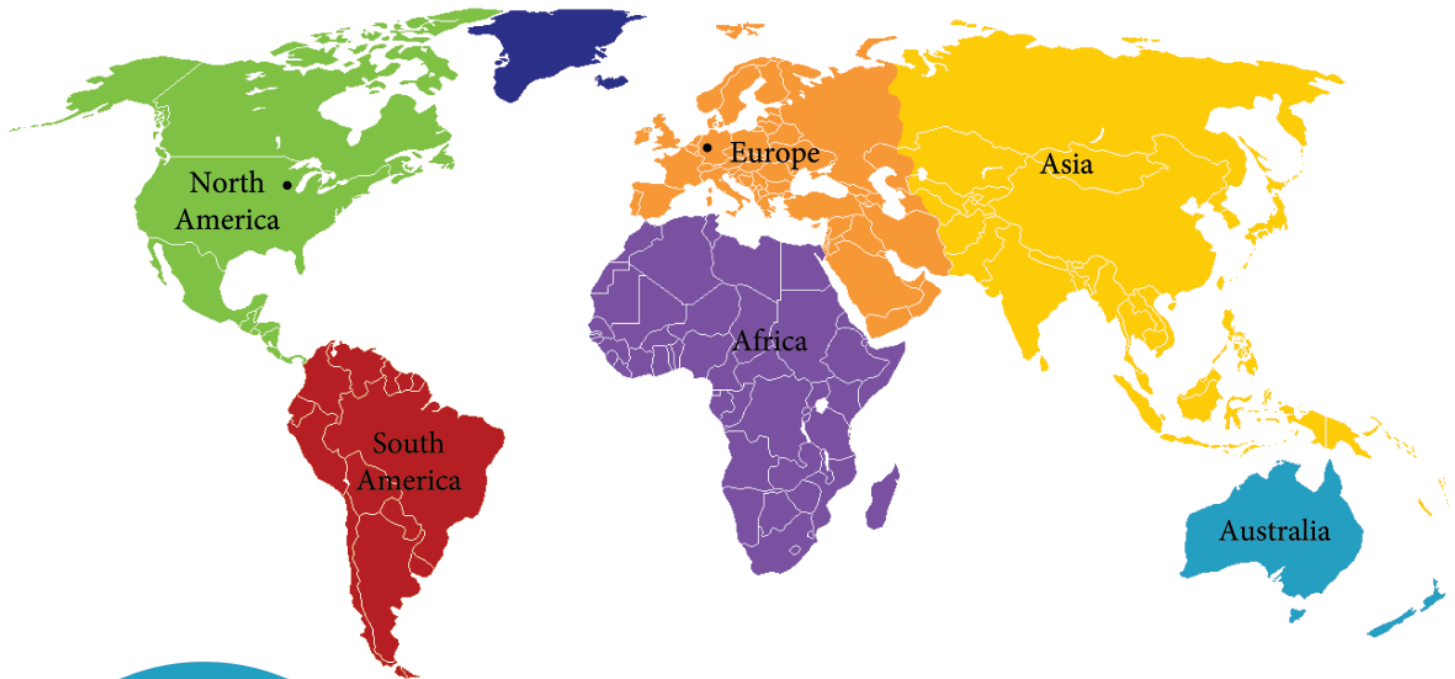


Come  
with me!



*Automaton Clock, Augsburg,  
Germany, early 17th century*

The **Automaton Clock** was made in Augsburg, Germany. Can you find Augsburg on this map? Where is Chicago?



### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

**automaton** =  
“ah-TOM-ah-tawn”

### DEFINITION

\*automaton = machine (such as a clock or a robot)  
shaped like a person or animal

## What Would Your Life Be Like In Baroque Times?

The automaton was made during the baroque period. Baroque means “irregular pearl.” People thought that baroque art did not have the same balance and calmness as renaissance art.

During this time many scientific and mathematical discoveries were made. Galileo turned his telescope to the sky and learned that the moon was covered with valleys, plains and mountains.

Important inventions of the baroque period include the dictionary, the newspaper and ice cream! New things are still invented everyday. **Ask your grownup about what has been invented during his/her lifetime.**

## Let's Take a Closer Look

- \* Clocks like this one were used to decorate dinner tables. The automaton would surprise and impress the guests.
- \* When this clock is wound up, it comes to life each hour:
  - \*the soldiers run around the tower on the elephant's back;
  - \*the elephant keeper raises his arm;
  - \*and the elephant rolls its eyes.
- \* There is another surprise: the entire work moves across the table! We put the clock on small glass blocks so you can see the gears underneath. **Do you have any toys that move around like this clock?**
- \* People explored Asia and Africa where elephants roamed. People in far away Germany were fascinated by these gentle giants, whose image made its way into European art and culture.



### Look Around

What other works of art with animals can you find at LUMA?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Activities

## Imagine

When do you celebrate with a special meal? What decorations do you use?

## Discuss

There are many ways to tell time. How many can you name?

## Create

If you could design a clock and have it do anything, what would it be? Sketch your ideas below.

