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About The Huntington -

# What is The Huntington?

The Huntington Library, Art
Collections, and Botanical Gardens
in San Marino, California
was once home to
Henry and Arabella Huntington.

## Henry Huntington was a very successful businessman that made his fortune mainly in railroads.

Together, Henry and Arabella collected huge numbers of books and art, as well as all sorts of beautiful plants from all over the world.

In 1919, the Huntingtons decided to share their collection with the world.

When you visit us, you can see some of these special things.

### The staff at The Huntington do many things.

They tend the gardens, give tours, and take care of the books and other rare and valuable things.

Here's what some of them do!



#### I am really lucky.



My friends
think I'm a historian,
but in reality I'm a
time traveler.

I get to spend my days at The Huntington searching for clues about how people lived in the past.



but it usually means reading letters and diaries from a time when people did all their writing by HAND on PAPER with a FEATHER PEN!





To me The Huntington is my own personal time-traveling machine!



Did you know that museums, like schools, have teachers that educate visitors about their collections?

As you may have learned from visiting this website, objects have stories to tell.

The fun part for us educators is creating the stories that make these objects really come alive!



If you enjoy learning new things and helping others learn, then maybe this job is for you!



Holly Moore
Conservator

**Conservators at** The Huntington have the responsibility of restoring, or fixing, the things we have collected...

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### like old books, letters, maps, and drawings.



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Some of these things are super old, and might have been torn or otherwise crumpled up over the years.

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Together we take care of and repair the things we collect so they will last for many years.

The Huntington shows some of these things in galleries, where they are enjoyed by everyone who visits.

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The Huntington is rich in primary sources.

Please extend your explorations by

exploring our website or

visiting The Huntington soon.



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