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### Museum – Research Proposal

My museum will be a museum of refrigeration. We all have refrigerators, and we take them for granted. But before electricity, refrigeration was quite a laborious production. And the refrigerators we have now are miraculous compared to the iceboxes people had in the early 1900s. I plan to take visitors on a tour through the history of refrigeration, with sample artifacts from each stage of development.

**Mission Statement:** The Museum of Cool will include exhibits related to the history and techniques of refrigeration. I will limit the scope of the museum to the refrigeration of food, and will not cover air conditioning or the refrigeration of non-food items.

I want visitors to gain an appreciation for the complexity of this subject, including

- The ingenuity of early refrigeration methods, before electricity
- The beauty and versatility of devices and appliances used for refrigeration through the years
- An understanding of how the political, social, and economic course of history has been affected by methods of refrigeration.

I find this an amazing and fascinating subject, and I want visitors to experience the same sense of wonder I have when I think about it.

I have started researching the history of refrigerators. Here are some sources that I've located so far:

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