DIORAMA EXPERIENCE

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Grades 6-8

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Diorama 6: Agricultural Terraces

The Ifugao people in North Luzon built the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras. Using an ingenious irrigation system enabled them to transform the mountainside into farmable land for crops such as taro (*gabi*) and rice.
Diorama 7: Trade with the Chinese

Even before Spanish conquest, the early Filipinos enjoyed trade with neighboring cultures. They exchanged rhino horn, ivory, coral, pearls, tortoise shell, and forest products for silk, porcelain, and precious metals from the Chinese.
Diorama 9: The First Mass

The Spanish expedition reached the Philippines a few days before Easter Sunday. Magellan befriended the locals and encouraged them to convert to Christianity. When Father Pedro de Valderrama raised the host during the Easter celebration, Spaniards and locals alike bowed in veneration.
The heavy armor worn by the Spaniards became their disadvantage at the battle of Mactan. Ferdinand Magellan and his crew struggled during their fight in the shallow waters while the locals moved easily in their light clothing and carabao horn-armor.
Diorama 12: Cannon Making

Little is known about the appearance of Panday Pira, the cannon-maker of Manila in the 1500s. Some scholars believe he was a native of the Visayas who migrated to Manila when Sulayman hired him to forge his weapons. Other sources say he was a Pampango Muslim. What is clear, however, is that his work impressed Legazpi when the Spaniards conquered Manila.