***Historic House Museum Assessment of The Blenheim House in Fairfax, VA***

– The goal of this project is to visit (Virtually) any one of the regions' numerous historic houses and craft an assessment of their historic interpretation.  Please inform me of your possible selection before you begin the project.  After your visit, you are required to write a 5 to 7 page review of the techniques used to interpret material culture at the historic house museum.  As you write your review, remember that there are many ways to exhibit and/or interpret material culture.  Questions to consider for this assignment include:

* How did the site interpret the material culture it displayed (labels, audio/video components, tours, interactive displays, etc.,)?
* If there was a guided tour, what themes were used to organize the information presented (specific individuals, events, etc.,)?
* Was there a common theme for any of the exhibitions presented?
* Were there particular objects or settings that the tour guide or exhibition highlighted as relevant and important?
* Did the historic house museum create an "authentic" experience?
* How could the interpretation of the historic house museum be improved upon with either more or less examples of material culture?
* Finally, how would you grade the site's interpretation of its material culture collection?
* Was there slave quarters/housing?
* What the story of the slaves that worked and lived on the property.

I have attached a few resources that could be helpful below:

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/historic-resources/historic-blenheim>

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=blenheim+house+fairfax+va+youtube&&view=detail&mid=73195F2D6B46A12DF65173195F2D6B46A12DF651&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dblenheim%2Bhouse%2Bfairfax%2Bva%2Byoutube%26qpvt%3Dblenheim%2Bhouse%2Bfairfax%2Bva%2Byoutube%26FORM%3DVDRE>

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